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FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD,

1886

**QUESTION.**—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

**ANSWER.**—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation; and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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# ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1886

BEING A COMMON YEAR OF 365 DAYS.

| MOON'S SIGNS.   |  |  |   | PLANETS AND ASPECTS.                                  |            |                       |                      |
|---|--|--|---|---|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|  New Moon. |  First Quarter. |  Full Moon. |  Last Quarter. | $\natural$ Saturn.                                    | $\S$ Mars. | $\mathfrak{Q}$ Venus. | $\mathfrak{D}$ Moon. |
| $\oplus$ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.                                     |  |  |   | $\square$ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant. |            |                       |                      |
| $\oplus$ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart.   |  |  |   | $\triangle$ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant. |            |                       |                      |
| $\wp$ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.  |  |  |   |   |            |                       |                      |

## CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

|   |    |                            |      |
|---|----|----------------------------|------|
| Dominical Letter, . . . . .             | C  | Solar Cycle, . . . . .     | 19   |
| Golden Number or Lunar Cycle, . . . . . | 6  | Roman Indiction, . . . . . | 14   |
| Epact, . . . . .                        | 25 | Julian Period, . . . . .   | 6599 |

The Jewish Era, with their 5647th year, commences 30th of September, 1886.

The Mohammedan Era, with their 1304th year, commences 30th of September, 1886.

## MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

|                                |                                   |                                |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Septuagesima Sunday, Feb'y 21. | Palm Sunday, April 18.            | Trinity Sunday, June 20.       |
| Quinquagesima Sunday, March 7. | Easter Sunday, April 25.          | Corpus Christi, June 24.       |
| Shrove Tuesday, March 9.       | Ascension or Holy Thurs., June 3. | 1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 28. |
| Ash Wednesday, March 10.       | Whit Sunday or Pentecost, June 13 | Sundays after Trinity are 22.  |

## THE FOUR EMBER DAYS.

March 17. June 16. September 15. December 15.

## THE FOUR SEASONS, OR CARDINAL POINTS.

|   |                                   |                                  |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Vernal Equinox,   | Sun enters $\gamma$ March 20th,   | 11 o'clock 10 minutes, forenoon. |
| Summer Solstice,  | " " $\varpi$ June 21st,           | 8 " 15 " morning.                |
| Autumnal Equinox,   | " " $\vartriangle$ September 22d, | 10 " 12 " evening.               |
| Winter Solstice,  | " " $\wp$ December 21st,          | 4 " 20 " evening.                |
| ( $\wp$ ) Mercury is called the Governing Planet this year. |                                   |                                  |

## ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1886.

There will be two Eclipses this year: both of the Sun.

I. The first is an Annular (or ring form) Eclipse of the Sun, March 5th, 5 o'clock 10 minutes evening. Only a very small portion will be visible, by time of sunset. Will be Annular in the Pacific Ocean on the Equator.

II. The second is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, August 29th, in the morning; visible only for a very short period by time of sunrise. Will be Total in the Atlantic Ocean on Western Africa.

# JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1886.

| Weeks and Days.  | Remarkable Days.     | Daily Bible Lessons. | Moon R & S Place.<br>h. m.s. | Moon's a. | Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter. | s. fs. rises. | Sun sets. | Sun m. h. m. h. m. | HIGH WATER. |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|
| Friday   | 1 New Year.          | 1 Pet. 2: 12-19      | 3 8                          | 13        | ♀ sets 8 20   | ⌚             | 47        | 23 4 37 10 24      |             |
| Saturday   | 2 Martyrs H Scrip    | Phil. 2: 1-11        | 3 50                         | 25        | ⌚ rises 11 35                                       | ⌚             | 47        | 23 4 37 11 20      |             |
| 1] Sunday after New Year's. Matt. 2: 1-23; Isaiah 60: 1-6. Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.  |                      |                      |                              |           |   |               |           |                    |             |
| Sunday   | 3 Gordius            | John 1: 29-34        | 4 39                         | 7         | ⌚ gr. Hel. L. N. ♂ ☽                                | ⌚             | 57        | 23 4 37 11 59      |             |
| Monday   | 4 Titus              | " 1: 38-51           | 5 24                         | 20        | ⌚ rises 10 20 evening                               | ⌚             | 57        | 22 4 38 12 40      |             |
| Tuesday  | 5 Simeon             | " 2:                 | ⌚ sets                       | 3         | ⌚ 5th, Neptune south 11 40 ☽                        | ⌚             | 67        | 22 4 38 1 24       |             |
| Wednesday  | 6 Epiphany.          | " 3:                 | 6 49                         | 16        | ⌚ 7* south 8 34                                     | ⌚             | 67        | 21 4 39 2 10       |             |
| Thursday   | 7 Widukind           | " 4:                 | 7 37                         | 0         | ⌚ in apo. Orion south 10 35                         | ⌚             | 77        | 21 4 39 2 46       |             |
| Friday   | 8 Severinus          | " 5:                 | 8 22                         | 14        | ⌚ gr. Elong. West                                   | ⌚             | 77        | 20 4 40 3 31       |             |
| Saturday   | 9 Catharine Zell     | " 6: 1-25            | 8 50                         | 28        | ⌚ 6 ♀. ♀ sets 8 14                                  | ⌚             | 77        | 20 4 40 4 14       |             |
| 2] 1st Sunday after Epiphany. Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5. Day's Length, 9 hours, 22 min.  |                      |                      |                              |           |   |               |           |                    |             |
| Sunday   | 10 Paul of Thebes    | John 6: 26-71        | 9 47                         | 12        | ⌚ rises 10 56                                       | ⌚             | 87        | 19 4 41 5 6        |             |
| Monday   | 11 Fructuosus        | " 7:                 | 10 48                        | 26        | Neptune stationary.                                 | ⌚             | 87        | 19 4 41 5 42       |             |
| Tuesday  | 12 Jean Chastellain  | " 8: 1-20            | 11 12                        | 10        | ⌚ Spica rises 10 7                                  | ⌚             | 97        | 18 4 42 6 31       |             |
| Wednesday  | 13 Hilary            | " 8: 21-50           | morn. 24                     | ⌚ 13th.   | ⌚ ♀ greatest brilliancy                             | ⌚             | 97        | 17 4 43 7 14       |             |
| Thursday   | 14 Felix             | " 9:                 | 12 52                        | 8         | ⌚ rises 9 46  | ⌚             | 97        | 16 4 44 8 6        |             |
| Friday   | 15 John de Laski     | " 10: 1-21           | 1 15                         | 22        | Sirius south 10 48                                  | ⌚             | 107       | 15 4 45 8 48       |             |
| Saturday   | 16 Geo. Spalatine    | " 10: 22-42          | 2 10                         | 6         | ⌚ g. rises 10 30                                    | ⌚             | 107       | 14 4 46 9 40       |             |
| 3] 2d Sunday after Epiphany. John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16. Day's Length, 9 hours, 32 min.   |                      |                      |                              |           |   |               |           |                    |             |
| Sunday   | 17 Anthony           | Mark 1: 1-20         | 3 8                          | 20        | ♀ sets 7 56   | ⌚             | 107       | 14 4 46 10 34      |             |
| Monday   | 18 John Blackader    | " 1: 21-45           | 4 10                         | 3         | ⌚ ♂ so. 10 56 ☽                                     | ⌚             | 117       | 13 4 47 11 29      |             |
| Tuesday  | 19 Heid. Cat. 1563   | " 2:                 | 5 11                         | 17        | ⌚ in ♀. ☽ enters ☽                                  | ⌚             | 117       | 12 4 48 12 27      |             |
| Wednesday  | 20 Fabian            | " 3: 1-19            | ⌚ rises                      | 0         | ⌚ 20th. ☽ per. ☽ stationary                         | ⌚             | 117       | 11 4 49 1 26       |             |
| Thursday   | 21 Agnes             | " 3: 20-35           | 7 0                          | 13        | ⌚ Aldebaran so. 8 14                                | ⌚             | 127       | 10 4 50 2 10       |             |
| Friday   | 22 Vincent           | " 4:                 | 8 5                          | 26        | Procyon south 11 12                                 | ⌚             | 127       | 9 4 51 3 4         |             |
| Saturday   | 23 Isaiah            | " 5: 6: 1-6          | 9 1                          | 9         | ⌚ ♂ so. 8 16  | ⌚             | 127       | 8 4 52 3 45        |             |
| 4] 3d Sunday after Epiphany. Matt. 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21. Day's Length, 9 hours, 44 min. |                      |                      |                              |           |   |               |           |                    |             |
| Sunday   | 24 Timothy           | Mark 6: 7-29         | 9 57                         | 21        | ⌚ ♂ 24. ♂ rises 9 50                                | ⌚             | 127       | 8 4 52 4 32        |             |
| Monday   | 25 Paul's Convers'n. | " 6: 30-56           | 11 31                        | 3         | ♀ sets 7 40   | ⌚             | 137       | 7 4 53 5 16        |             |
| Tuesday  | 26 Polycarp          | " 7: 1-23            | morn. 15                     | ⌚ 26th.   | ⌚ ♀ stationary                                      | ⌚             | 137       | 6 4 54 6 6         |             |
| Wednesday  | 27 Jno. Chrysostom   | " 7: 24-37           | 12 48                        | 27        | ⌚ 7* south 6 52                                     | ⌚             | 137       | 5 3 55 6 42        |             |
| Thursday   | 28 Charlemagne       | " 8:                 | 1 34                         | 8         | Arctur rises 10 10                                  | ⌚             | 137       | 4 4 56 7 31        |             |
| Friday   | 29 Juventin          | " 9:                 | 2 20                         | 20        | ⌚ south 10 12                                       | ⌚             | 137       | 3 4 57 8 24        |             |
| Saturday   | 30 Henry Miller      | " 10: 1-31           | 3 9                          | 2         | ⌚ in Aphelion                                       | ⌚             | 147       | 2 4 58 9 21        |             |
| 5] 4th Sunday after Epiphany. Matt. 8: 23-37; Rom. 13: 1-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 58 min. |                      |                      |                              |           |   |               |           |                    |             |
| Sunday   | 31 Hans Sachs        | Matt. 3:             | 3 40                         | ⌚ 15      | Sirius south 9 44                                   | ⌚             | 147       | 1 4 59 10 20       |             |

## MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 5th, 2 o'clock, 42 minutes, morning.  
First Quarter, 13th, 7 " 23 " morning.  
Full Moon, 20th, 2 " 43 " morning.  
Last Quarter, 26th, 8 " 30 " evening.

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear and cold; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, 6, snow; 7, 8, 9, changeable; 10, 11, 12, cold; 13, 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, 18, cloudy and cold; 19, 20, snow; 21, 22, 23, clear and cold; 24, 25, mild; 26, 27, cold; 28, 29, 30, coldest days; 31, variable.

# JANUARY

## NEW YEAR'S WISHES.

WHAT shall I wish thee?  
Treasures of earth?  
Songs in the springtime,  
Pleasures or mirth?  
Flowers on thy pathway,  
Skies ever clear?—  
Would this insure thee  
A Happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee?  
What can be found  
Bringing the sunshine  
All the year round?  
Where is the treasure,  
Lasting and dear,  
That shall insure thee  
A Happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth,  
Walking in light!  
Hope that aboundeth,  
Happy and bright;  
Love that is perfect,  
Casting out fear,—  
These shall insure thee  
A Happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour,  
Rest at His feet,  
Smile of His countenance  
Radiant and sweet;  
Joy in His presence,  
Christ ever near,—  
These will insure thee  
A Happy New Year.

## NEW YEAR.

NEW YEAR's day opens the civil year, but it is also a Christian festival and refers to the circumcision of the child Jesus. Circumcision was the sign and seal of God's covenant, the door into the Jewish church. Baptism is used instead of this Jewish rite and is the door of the entrance into the Christian church.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples." By what? Not by singing, praying, almsgiving, fasting; not by style of dress, not by form of speech, not by secret signs, not by certain religious customs,—but by this sure and heavenly mark: "If ye have love one to another." This assures ourselves that we have passed from the death of sin to the life of grace (1 John 3: 14), and it will assure also others by its divine fruits.

## EPIPHANY.

THIS holy day always comes on the sixth of January and celebrates the showing of Christ to the wise men or heathen, who, guided by a wonderful star, came from the far East to see the new-born King. This wonderful event in the infancy of Christ was to show that He was born not only for the Jews but for Gentiles, that is, for the whole world.

## A DOUBLE WRONG.

A CHURCH member once said to her pastor: "When my afflictions came we did not attend the church as we ought, and we were ashamed to ask you to come to us in our trouble. We were not able to pay the pew-rent and we were ashamed to come." How much mischief we inflict upon our own souls and Christ's cause by false pride! The church lost her pew-rent, it is true; but this was her lightest loss. She lost the presence and helpfulness of two of her members, and they lost the joys of God's salvation. The humility that kept them away rested on the basis that one wrong compels another. The continued presence of those two members was of far more value to Christ than the twenty-five cents a week they had been paying. Their absence also involved a slander on the church. It could be justified only upon the assumption that the relation of church members to the church is one of money alone. There were in every moment of their absence a dozen members who would have been happier and better for the opportunity of paying that pew-rent for the sake of the presence of two worthy members, and their presence would have encouraged the pastor. It would have been continuous testimony to the world of the preciousness of the Christian religion.

## THE DANGER.

IN our zeal for one particular department of church activity we are apt to lose sight of the claims and needs of others. Zealous for Foreign Missions, for instance, we may overlook or neglect Home Missions, Orphans' Homes, and Church Extension. This is the case too if we have zeal for the Orphans' Homes—the others suffer. Let us keep all in mind and do for them in work and alms as they stand in need. It is not right that we should draw from the others.

THE shortest days are sometimes the longest, not because they are full of pain, but because they are crowded with good works. Even a moment, reckoned according to this measurement, may be longer than a day or a week.

**FEBRUARY,**

*2d Month, 28 Days.*

1886.

| Weeks and Days. | Remarkable Days.     | Daily Bible Lessons. | Moon R & S.<br>h. m. s. | Moon's Place.<br>a. | Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter. | s. fs. | Sun. rises. | Sun. sets. | HIGH WATER Phila.<br>m. h. m. h. m. h. m. |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|--------|-------------|------------|---|
| Monday          | 1 Ignatius           | Matt. 4: 1-22        | 4 40                    | 28                  | Neptune stationary                                  | 147    | 05          | 011        | 18  |
| Tuesday         | 2 <i>Candle Mass</i> | " 4: 23-5: 1-12      | 5 30                    | 11                  | ♂ ♐ ♀. ♀ rises 8 30                                 | 146    | 595         | 112        | 15  |
| Wednesday       | 3 Ansgar             | " 5: 13-32           | 6 sets                  | 26                  | 3d. ♐ in apo  | 146    | 585         | 2          | 14  |
| Thursday        | 4 Rhaban. Maurus     | " 5: 32-48           | 6 28                    | 9                   | ☽ 2d. ♀ rises 9 6                                   | 146    | 565         | 4          | 2   |
| Friday          | 5 P. S. Spener       | " 6:                 | 7 7                     | 23                  | ♂ ♐ ♀. ♀ sets 7 10                                  | 146    | 555         | 5          | 2   |
| Saturday        | 6 Amandus            | " 7:                 | 7 57                    | 7                   | ♀ in Perihelion                                     | 146    | 545         | 6          | 3   |

6] 5th Sunday after Epiphany. Matt. 13: 24-30; Col. 3: 12-17. Day's Length, 10 hours, 14 min.

|           |                     |               |       |    |                   |         |    |      |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------|-------|----|-------------------|---------|----|------|
| Sunday    | 7 George Wagner     | Matt. 8: 1-17 | 8 39  | 21 | ζ in Aphelion     | 146 535 | 7  | 4 2  |
| Monday    | 8 Maria Andreæ      | " 8: 17-34    | 9 25  | 6  | Ω β south 9 30    | 146 525 | 8  | 5 15 |
| Tuesday   | 9 John Hooper       | " 9:          | 10 15 | 20 | Orion 8 18        | 146 515 | 9  | 6 6  |
| Wednesday | 10 F. C. Oettinger  | " 10:         | 11 12 | 4  | Spica rises 10 16 | 156 505 | 10 | 6 47 |
| Thursday  | 11 H. de St. Victor | " 11:         | morn. | 19 | 11th. □ Neptune ☲ | 156 485 | 12 | 7 34 |
| Friday    | 12 Lady Jane Grey   | " 12:         | 12 18 | 3  | ♀ sets 6 40       | 156 475 | 13 | 8 24 |
| Saturday  | 13 C. F. Schwartz   | " 13:         | 1 20  | 16 | ¼ rises 8 30      | 146 465 | 14 | 9 10 |

7] 6th Sunday after Epiphany. Matt. 17: 1-9; 1 John 3: 1-10. Day's Length, 10 hours, 30 min.

8] *Septuagesima Sunday.* Matt. 20: 1-16; 1 Cor. 9: 24-37; 10: 1-5. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 48 min.*

9] *Sexagesima Sunday.* Luke 8: 4-15; 2 Cor. 11: 19-33; 12: 1-9. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 6 min.*

**Sunday** 28 Jno. de Mon. Corv. || Luke 9: 1-36 || 2 43 | 23 | Arctur rises 8 16. | 13 | 6 27 | 5 33 | 8 32 |

## MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 3d, 10 o'clock, 15 minutes, evening.  
 First Quarter, 11th, 9 " 45 " evening.  
 Full Moon, 18th, 1 " 15 " afternoon.  
 Last Quarter, 25th, 12 " 11 " afternoon.

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, rain or snow; 4, 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, 10, cold; 11, 12, 13, mild; 14, 15, 16, cloudy and snow; 17, 18, changeable; 19, 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, north-west cold; 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, 28, mild.

♀ Venus is Evening Star until the 18th of February; then Morning Star until December 3d; then Evening Star until the end of the year.

## FEBRUARY

### OUR NEW MISSIONARY.

OUR new missionary to Japan, Rev. William Edwin Hoy, was born near Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., June 4th, 1858; baptized September 12th, 1858, by Rev. Dr. J. C. Bucher, and confirmed January 24th, 1874, by Rev. Geo. E. Addams, both pastors at Mifflinburg, Pa. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., in 1882, and from the Theological Seminary at the same place in 1885. He was licensed by the West Susquehanna Classis at Williamsport, Pa., in May, 1885, and was ordained by the Eastern Synod at Mifflinburg, Pa., in October, 1885.

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Would it not be well for all our congregations to join

aloud in the use of the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer? The Creed is not just for children; indeed it was not first made for them. And the Lord's Prayer was given not to children but to adults; so they should now not be confined to children. Both are gradually coming more and more into congregational use in other churches, as acts of worship in which the people may and should take part as they do in singing.

Mark this: the audible, congregational use of the Lord's Prayer has never been a disputed question in our Church. Of course the act must not be an empty form, but the sincere expression of the heart, as all worship must be.

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In 1875, Japan had only 53 periodicals of all kinds. Now it has 2,000. Is not this wonderful? It shows a growing interest in public matters and a great awakening of the people.



REV. WILLIAM EDWIN HOY.

### THE CHURCH PAPER.

THE real live pastor feels the necessity of the church paper being widely circulated in his church and readily recognizes the good it does. The live member of the church will be willing and anxious for the weekly visits of the church paper and devour with avidity its contents. He is conversant with the doings of the church and can speak intelligently of its history and progress. The wonder is that so few pastors take an interest in the circulation of the paper in their charges. Let there be an awakening to the duty of each in this case and the results will be beyond the expectation of the most sanguine. Reader, if you are a member of the church, and especially an officer in it, and not a reader of

the paper, you know not what you are depriving yourself of and how much you are standing in the way of your efficiency. Let this year date the beginning of your subscription for your church paper.

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One rich lady in Rev. Dr. John Hall's Presbyterian congregation, New York, is reported to have given \$69,500 for the payment of mortgages on several city churches and towards the building of three others. The Reformed Church does not have many that could afford to give such princely sums, but it has thousands of ordinary wealth, who, if they loved Christ and His Church with hearty sincerity, might easily and often give their hundreds and even few thousands without any self-denial, but to the great benefit of the Church and their own hearts.

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Are you doing what you can for Missions—Home and Foreign?

# MARCH,

### *3d Month, 31 Days.*

1886.

### MOON'S PHASES

|                |       |            |            |          |   |          |
|----------------|-------|------------|------------|----------|---|----------|
| New Moon,      | 5th,  | 5 o'clock, | 4 minutes, | evening. |   |          |
| First Quarter, | 13th, | 8          | "          | 17       | " | morning. |
| Full Moon,     | 19th, | 11         | "          | 36       | " | evening. |
| Last Quarter,  | 27th, | 5          | "          | 44       | " | morning. |

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, 6, rain; 7, 8, 9, mild; 10, 11, cold; 12, 13, 14, clear and cold; 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, 19, stormy; 20, 21, 22, north-west cold; 23, 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, cloudy; 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, rain.

5 Mars is in opposition with the Sun on the 6th, and shines all night.

24 Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun on the 21st, and shines all night.

## ♦ MARCH ♦

### What Can the Minister Do?

HE calls on one of his families. Most of the children are nearly or quite grown up. The parents seldom come to church; the children not at all, but go to the Sunday-school of another church. Of course the young people never come to catechization, but have their own notions about conversion and "joining the church." They know nothing about the Reformed Church, but only about a Reformed congregation here or there; because no Church paper visits this family and no Church books are on their table.

What can the pastor do in that family? Old habits are hard to break up, and children follow the steps of their parents. They do not care to talk about religion or Church matters. The silence is painful. The children leave the table and go out after the evening's work. A lovely kitten plays on the floor, and the yard is full of little chickens, and the green fields are ripening; but what shall the pastor say to these people about their souls, about preaching and catechization, about faithfulness to their vows, about an earnest family life? One point after another is mentioned, but the man shys off from it, as if afraid, and the pastor comes back to the subject but the man looks out of the window across the meadow as if he did not hear it. What can we do for such people?

♦♦♦ A GREAT many people imagine that heaven has no connection with earth, and that eternal life only begins at death. This is a fatal error. Heaven is not a fire-proof vault to save souls from the flames of hell. It is a land of pure delight where saints will reign with the Lord forevermore. Eternal life is a present possession to the believing soul. "He that hath the Son, hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

### CROOKED STICKS.

"LORD, I can't make these sticks perfectly straight; I have lost all my strength. Send me to another field." But what is the answer of the Holy Spirit? "You were not sent to that field to take every crook out of those sticks; you can't perfect human nature, that is my work." Now there is something in every man—that is a little gnarly. It is peculiar to the individual—a streak of the old Adam inwrought in his individuality. In one it is stubbornness, in another suspiciousness, in another



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reserve, in another a disposition to be critical, or fault-finding or censorious. By whatever name it may be known, it is in fact a little twist of depravity, and no human influence, no preacher can untwist it and straighten it out. It is a peculiar twist of self, inborn, inbred, inwrought. So when I discover what a man's peculiar twist is, I say, "The Lord only can take that out of him, and I won't touch it if I can help it." I tried my hand at this once on a good Scotch brother, and I will never try it again. He was a most uncompromising subject, and I am quite convinced that if I had had a little more charity for his peculiarities he would have been a very useful man.—*Dr. Spinning.*

### A WOMAN'S MEMORIAL.

Good deeds never die. They preach when the tongue is silent. The loving heart cannot always express its feelings in words. It must often resort to deeds. The considerate act of Mary became a monument, on which is written the Saviour's loving epitaph: "She hath done what she could."

The Lord will reward every labor of love. Many people shirk one duty by setting up the claims of another. They cast the benevolent appeals for help into the same "waste" basket which the *Betrayer* made for all the acts of love. They lack both the grace to work for Christ and the common-sense to keep quiet. Who did most for the poor, Judas Iscariot or Mary of Bethany? Have we done what we could? Lord search us and try our hearts.

# APRIL,

### **4th Month, 30 Days.**

1886.

| Weeks and Days. | Remarkable Days.  | Daily Bible Lessons. | Moon R & S.<br>h. m.s. | Moon's Place.<br>a. | Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter. | s. | Sun sl. rises.<br>m.h. | Sun sets.<br>h.m.h. | HIGH WATER Phila m. h. |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---|----|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Thursday        | 1Frigid           | Matt. 24: 1-31       | 4 25                   | 24                  | Sirius sets 11 1 ☽                                  | 4  | 45 45                  | 6 15 10             | 54                     |
| Friday          | 2Theodosia        | " 24: 32-51          | 5 5                    | 9                   | ½ sets 11 25  | 4  | 45 44                  | 6 16 11             | 40                     |
| Saturday        | 3Gerh. Tersteegen | " 25:                | 5 38                   | 23                  | 2/ south 11 27                                      | 3  | 35 42                  | 6 18 12             | 34                     |

14] 4th Sunday in Lent.

John 6: 1-14; Gal. 4: 21-31.

*Day's Length, 12 hours, 38 min.*

|           |                   |                    |        |    |                       |    |     |    |   |    |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|----|-----------------------|----|-----|----|---|----|
| Sunday    | 4 Ambrose         | Matt. 26: 1-13     | 3 sets | 8  | 4th. ♂ ♀ ♂.           | 35 | 416 | 19 | 1 | 22 |
| Monday    | 5 Christ. Scriver | " 26: 14-35        | 7 13   | 23 | ♂ ♀ ⊖ Inferior        | 35 | 406 | 20 | 2 | 10 |
| Tuesday   | 6 Albert Durer    | " 26: 36-56        | 7 52   | 9  | ♀ ♀ rises 3 50        | 35 | 386 | 22 | 2 | 53 |
| Wednesday | 7 Olaus Peterson  | " 26: 57; 27: 1, 2 | 8 33   | 24 | ♂ south 10 29         | 25 | 376 | 23 | 4 | 42 |
| Thursday  | 8 Mart. Chemnitz  | " 27: 3-31         | 9 24   | 8  | ♀ south 11 14         | 25 | 366 | 24 | 5 | 31 |
| Friday    | 9 Thos. v. Westen | " 27: 32-50        | 10 19  | 23 | 7* sets 9 10          | 25 | 356 | 25 | 6 | 13 |
| Saturday  | 10 Fulbert        | " 27: 51-56        | 11 11  | 7  | ♂ ♂ ♀. ♀ sets 11 10 ⚡ | 15 | 336 | 27 | 6 | 53 |

15] 5th Sunday in Lent.

John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15.

*Day's Length, 12 hours, 56 min.*

|           |    |               |               |       |  |  |        |     |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|---------------|---------------|-------|--|--|--------|-----|----|----|----|
| Sunday    | 11 | Leo the Great | John 11:      | morn. |  20 |  11th. Orion sets 10 56 | 15     | 326 | 28 | 7  | 44 |
| Monday    | 12 | Sabas         | " 12:         | 12 57 |  3  |  Aldebaran sets 10 4    | 15     | 316 | 29 | 8  | 35 |
| Tuesday   | 13 | Justin Martyn | " 13: 1-30    | 1 52  |  16 | Spica south 11 50  | 15     | 296 | 31 | 9  | 25 |
| Wednesday | 14 | John Eccart   | " 13: 31; 14: | 2 20  |  28 | 6 ♂ 3. ♀ south 9 59  | Sun 5  | 286 | 32 | 10 | 12 |
| Thursday  | 15 | Simon Dach    | " 15:         | 3 11  |  11 | ♂ in Per. ♀ rises 3 34   | fast 5 | 276 | 33 | 10 | 51 |
| Friday    | 16 | Peter Waldo   | " 16:         | 4 5   |  23 | 6 ♂ 2. ♀ south 11 1  | 0 5    | 266 | 34 | 11 | 42 |
| Saturday  | 17 | Mappalicus    | " 17:         | 4 57  |  5  | Rigel sets 8 58  | 0 5    | 246 | 36 | 12 | 31 |

161 *Palm Sunday.*

John 12: 1-16; Phil. 2: 5-11.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 14 min.

|               |    |                      |               |                |  |  |   |               |                         |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----------------------|---------------|----------------|--|--|---|---------------|-------------------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| <b>Sunday</b> | 18 | Luther at Worms      | Lam. Jeremiah | 5 rises        |   | 17   |    | 18th.         | 5 stationary            |  | 05  | 23 | 6  | 37 | 1  | 20 |    |
| Monday        | 19 | Melancthon           | Heb. 8:       | 7              | 51   |  | 0   | b sets 10     | 59                      |  | 15  | 22 | 6  | 38 | 2  | 12 |    |
| Tuesday       | 20 | John Bugenhag        | " 9:          | 8              | 42   |  | 12  | Regulus       | south 8 9               |  | 15  | 21 | 6  | 39 | 2  | 54 |    |
| Wednesday     | 21 | Anselm of Cant.      | " 10:         | 9              | 35   |  | 26  | 5 stationary. | $\odot$ enters $\gamma$ |  | 15  | 19 | 6  | 41 | 3  | 41 |    |
| Thursday      | 22 | <i>Maundy Thurs.</i> |               | John 6:        | 10   | 31   |   | 8             | 5 rises 3               | 20  |  | 15 | 18 | 6  | 42 | 4  | 30 |
| Friday        | 23 | <i>Good Friday</i>   |               | Luke 23: 32-49 | 11   | 22   |   | 20            | 5 south                 | 9 26  |  | 25 | 17 | 6  | 43 | 5  | 11 |
| Saturday      | 24 | Wilfrid              | Heb. 4:       | morn.          |  | 2  |  | Arctur        | south 12 1              |  | 25  | 16 | 6  | 44 | 5  | 55 |    |

171 *Easter Sunday*

John 20: 1-10; Col. 3: 1-11.

Day's Length, 13 hours, 30 min.

|           |                         |               |       |  |                     |            |       |
|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|-------|--|---------------------|------------|-------|
| Sunday    | 25 <i>Easter Sunday</i> | John 20: 1-18 | 12 49 |  14 | 21 south 10 34      | 25 15 6 45 | 6 42  |
| Monday    | 26 <i>Easter Monday</i> | Luke 24: 1-12 | 1 46  |  27 | 26th. ☽ in apo.     | 25 14 6 46 | 7 32  |
| Tuesday   | 27 Otto Catelin         | Acts 2: 22-47 | 2 8   |  10 | ☽ ☽ sets 10 40      | 25 12 6 48 | 8 16  |
| Wednesday | 28 Fred. Myconius       | 1 Cor. 15:    | 2 51  |  23 | ☽ in Aphelion       | 35 11 6 49 | 8 59  |
| Thursday  | 29 L. von Berquin       | Rom. 6:       | 3 28  |  7  | ♀ gr. Elong. West   | 35 10 6 50 | 9 40  |
| Friday    | 30 Geo. Calixtus        | " 8:          | 3 58  |  21 | ☽ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 3 16 | 35 9 6 51  | 10 24 |

## MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 4th, 9 o'clock, 30 minutes, morning.

First Quarter, 11th, 3 " 44 " afternoon.

Full Moon, 18th, 9 " 59 " morning.

Last Quarter, 26th, 12 " 15 " morning.

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, pleasant; 3, 4, thunder showers; 5, 6, 7, clear; 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, cloudy; 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, thunder showers; 27, 28, 29, clear; 30, thunder showers.

# APRIL

## YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH.

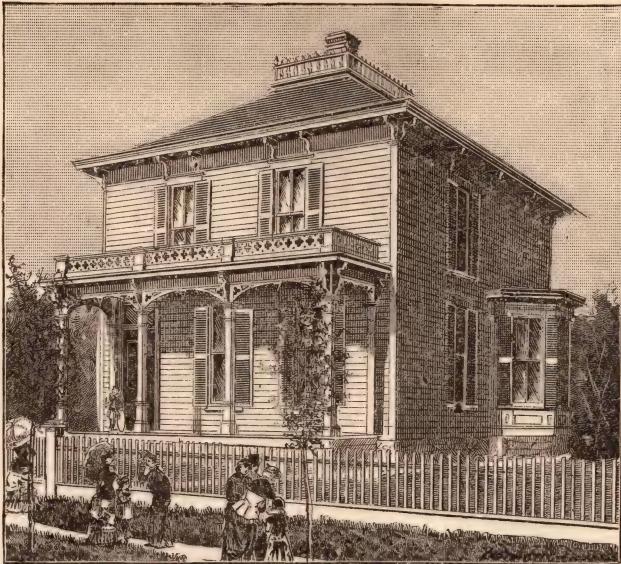
WHAT salt is in its nature and uses (preserving and savoring), just this the purifying grace of God is to every soul, and just this every Christian soul is to the circle of its influence and power. Ten righteous men would have saved Sodom. Joseph was the salt of the earth to Egypt and the Hebrews. So Paul in the shattered ship saved the crew (Acts 27: 24, 43).

Every faithful Christian is the salt of the earth to those around him. And have we not here also a missionary fact? Is not the Church the salt of the earth? Must not this gracious power reach and preserve all nations? Oh that every Christian understood this and realized it! How much more missionary activity we would have! "Let your speech," your talk to God and man, in public and in private, in business and in social life, "be always seasoned with salt,"—not with the hotness of pepper, not with the bitterness of gall, not with the ugliness of hate and cruelty and unforgiveness,—but seasoned and savored with the salt of heavenly grace and truth and purity and meekness.

THE lines once found on a tombstone express a profound truth:

"What I earned I spent,  
What I saved I lost,  
What I gave I possess."

"I DON'T like the minister!" That settles the matter. If you don't like the minister, you have no duties to perform. Not liking the minister absolves you from all responsibility. The fact that you "don't like the minister" releases you from your vows. If you are a trustee or steward you need not take any further interest in the financial affairs of the congregation. The fact that the people entrusted you with certain duties which you engaged to perform, is neither here nor there if you "don't like the minister."



PARSONAGE OF THE REFORMED CHURCH AT EMPORIA, KANSAS.

This neat building was recently erected through moneys collected from the Churches in the East, by Rev. D. B. Shuey, now Superintendent of Missions in Kansas and adjacent States.

which we spend in the kingdom of grace are "treasures" laid up in heaven. Religion is cheap in comparison with sin. It costs more to be a bad sinner than a good saint. Solve this problem: How much do I spend for my body? How much do I spend for my soul? The answer will fill you with shame and astonishment.

## A SAD SIGHT.

ONE of the saddest of sights, to an editor, is the church-member who does not take the church-paper. But almost as sad is it for him to happen into a store, perhaps, and see, lying on the counter with wrappers unbroken, sold for waste paper, and not a word of them ever read, a whole bundle of the papers upon which he has labored earnestly, diligently, prayerfully for the last three months! It is one of the things to which every editorial heart must become hardened. For it is one of the things that will happen in this world, so long as there are indifferent, ignorant and unworthy members in the Church.

EVERY member of the Reformed Church should have a copy of the "Historic Manual," by Rev. J. H. Dubbs, D. D.

# MAY,

## 5th Month, 31 Days.

1886.

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|---|-------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------|
| Saturday  | 1 Philip & James        | 1 Cor. 3: 1          | 4 38       | 6 6 21                 | 21 south 10 0                                       | 3 5           | 8 6           | 5 21             | 11 23       |
| 18] 1st Sunday after Easter. John 20: 19-30; 1 John 5: 4-10. Day's Length, 13 hours, 46 min.  |                         |                      |            |                        |   |               |               |                  |             |
| Sunday  | 2 Athanasius            | John 1: 5            | 0 0        | 21                     | 21 south 10 0                                       | 3 5           | 7 6           | 5 3              | 12 19       |
| Monday  | 3 Monica                | " 2:                 | 0 sets     | 6                      | 3d. 7* sets 8 24                                    | 3 5           | 6 6           | 5 4              | 1 15        |
| Tuesday   | 4 Florian               | " 3:                 | 8 4        | 21                     | Spica south 10 34                                   | 3 5           | 4 6           | 5 6              | 1 57        |
| Wednesday   | 5 Fred. the Wise.       | " 4:                 | 8 58       | 6                      | Orion sets 9 24                                     | 3 5           | 3 6           | 5 7              | 2 42        |
| Thursday  | 6 John of Damasc.       | " 5:                 | 9 55       | 21                     | 8 gr. Elong. West                                   | 4 5           | 2 6           | 5 8              | 3 26        |
| Friday  | 7 Otto the Great        | " 6: 1-40            | 10 49      | 6                      | 6 2. 8 rises 4 15 2                                 | 4 5           | 1 6           | 5 9              | 4 14        |
| Saturday  | 8 Stanislaus            | " 6: 41-71           | 11 45      | 20                     | 8 rises 3 4   | 4 5           | 0 7           | 0                | 4 57        |
| 19] 2d Sunday after Easter. John 10: 11-16; 1 Peter 2: 20-25. Day's Length, 14 hours, 2 min.  |                         |                      |            |                        |   |               |               |                  |             |
| Sunday  | 9 Greg. Nazianzen       | John 7: morn.        | 8          | 3                      | 2 sets 10 21  | 4 4           | 5 9           | 7 1              | 5 41        |
| Monday  | 10 John Heuglin         | " 8: 1-30            | 12 46      | 17                     | 10th. 2 in Per.                                     | 4 4           | 5 8           | 7 2              | 6 32        |
| Tuesday   | 11 John Arndt           | " 8: 31-59           | 1 36       | 29                     | Librae south 10 50                                  | 4 4           | 5 7           | 7 3              | 7 15        |
| Wednesday   | 12 Meletius             | " 9:                 | 2 8        | 11                     | 8 2. 8 sets 8 30                                    | 4 4           | 5 7           | 7 4              | 7 56        |
| Thursday  | 13 Servatius            | " 10:                | 2 39       | 23                     | 6 2. 8 south 9 13                                   | 4 4           | 5 5           | 7 5              | 9 0         |
| Friday  | 14 Pachomius            | " 11:                | 3 27       | 5                      | 8. 8 rises 2 52                                     | 4 4           | 5 4           | 7 6              | 10 1        |
| Saturday  | 15 Moses                | " 12:                | 4 5        | 17                     | Arctur south 11 38                                  | 4 4           | 5 3           | 7 11             | 12          |
| 20] 3d Sunday after Easter. John 16: 16-22; 1 Peter 2: 11-19. Day's Length, 14 hours, 16 min. |                         |                      |            |                        |   |               |               |                  |             |
| Sunday  | 16 Five Marts. at L.    | John 13: 14:         | 4 40       | 29                     | 6 Neptune ☽   | 4 4           | 5 2           | 7 8              | 12 14       |
| Monday  | 17 Joachim of Flor.     | " 15: *              | 2 rises    | 11                     | 17th. Sirius sets 8 6                               | 4 4           | 5 2           | 7 8              | 1 16        |
| Tuesday   | 18 80 Marts. under Val. | " 16: 17:            | 8 14       | 24                     | 8 gr. Hel. Lat. so.                                 | 4 4           | 5 1           | 7 9              | 2 6         |
| Wednesday   | 19 Alcuin               | " 18:                | 8 56       | 5                      | 2 sets 10 9   | 4 4           | 5 0           | 7 10             | 3 1         |
| Thursday  | 20 Val. Herberger       | " 19:                | 9 46       | 17                     | 8 rises 2 46  | 4 4           | 4 9           | 7 11             | 3 41        |
| Friday  | 21 Constantine          | " 20:                | 10 20      | 29                     | 8 south 7 59  | 4 4           | 4 8           | 7 12             | 4 30        |
| Saturday  | 22 Castus & Aemil.      | " 21:                | 10 49      | 12                     | 8 enters II   | 4 4           | 4 8           | 7 12             | 5 15        |
| 21] 4th Sunday after Easter. John 16: 5-15; James 1: 16-21. Day's Length, 14 hours, 26 min.   |                         |                      |            |                        |   |               |               |                  |             |
| Sunday  | 23 Jerome Savonar       | Heb. 1: 2:           | 11 37      | 24                     | 21 stationary                                       | 4 4           | 4 7           | 7 13             | 5 55        |
| Monday  | 24 Aug. Cazal.          | " 3: 4:              | morn.      | 7                      | 2 in apo. 21 south 8 29                             | 3 4           | 4 6           | 7 14             | 6 42        |
| Tuesday   | 25 Augustine            | " 5: 6:              | 12 11      | 20                     | 25th. Vega so. 2 27                                 | 3 4           | 4 5           | 7 15             | 7 31        |
| Wednesday   | 26 Beda Venerabilis     | " 7:                 | 12 46      | 3                      | 8 Rigel sets 7 20                                   | 3 4           | 4 4           | 7 16             | 8 14        |
| Thursday  | 27 John Calvin          | " 8:                 | 1 22       | 16                     | 2 sets 9 50   | 3 4           | 4 3           | 7 17             | 8 53        |
| Friday  | 28 Lanfranc             | " 9:                 | 1 55       | 1                      | 8 rises 2 30  | 3 4           | 4 3           | 7 17             | 9 42        |
| Saturday  | 29 David Zeisberger     | " 10:                | 2 37       | 15                     | 6 2. 8. 8 in Aphelion                               | 3 4           | 4 2           | 7 18             | 10 24       |
| 22] 5th Sunday after Easter. John 16: 23-33; James 1: 22-27. Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 min.  |                         |                      |            |                        |   |               |               |                  |             |
| Sunday  | 30 Jerome of Prag.      | Heb. 11:             | 3 17       | 0                      | Castor sets 11 8                                    | 3 4           | 4 1           | 7 19             | 11 14       |
| Monday  | 31 Joach'm Neander      | " 12:                | 4 2        | 16                     | 6 Neptune ☽   | 3 4           | 4 1           | 7 19             | 11 52       |

### MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 3d, 10 o'clock, 42 minutes, evening.  
 First Quarter, 13th, 9 " 20 " evening.  
 Full Moon, 17th, 8 " 47 " evening.  
 Last Quarter, 25th, 6 " 36 " evening.

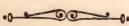
### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, warm; 3, 4, showers; 5, 6, 7, mild; 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, fair; 12, 13, clear; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, thunder showers; 22, 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, warm rain; 27, 28, 29, 30, fair; 31, thunder showers.

# •MAY•

## TABLE PRAYER.

WHY do so many members of the church eat without thanksgiving? Is not table prayer a plain Christian duty? Is it not easy to do? Can you not say, "God bless our daily bread"? When you want another form, can you not say: "We thank Thee for our daily bread, and pray Thee bless it to our use"? Are you a careless Christian, or are you ashamed to confess Christ in this way before men? Perhaps you think this a small matter, but it is not. Our Lord always gave thanks before eating. So did the early Christians; so should you and I do. It is one mark of a Christian family. You need not say you are none the less thankful, for thankfulness should make thanksgiving.



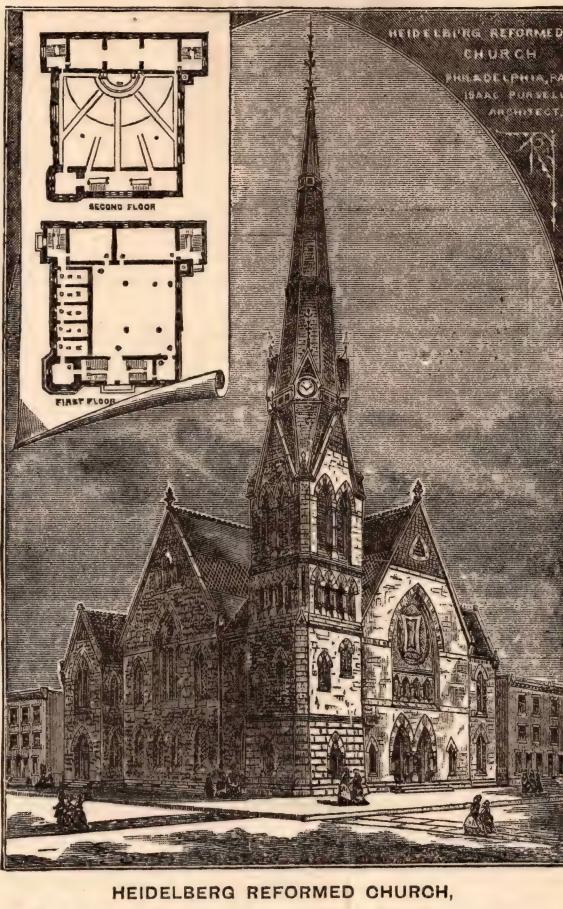
## Neglect So Great Salvation?

LANGUAGE does not contain enough adjectives to describe the man who neglects to sow his seed until the summer is past and the harvest has come. Are those people any wiser or better who put off the claims of God until the clock of Time strikes the knell of their parting day? They disregard the word of God. They neglect the means of grace. They despise the loving appeals from the sacred desk. It does not require great sins to destroy the soul. Simple neglect will do it as certainly as flagrant crimes.

Listen to the voice of Jesus calling: Enter the life-boat of salvation, fasten the anchor of hope to the cable of faith, drop it within the vale, and you shall outride the storms of life and I will receive your soul at last. Grant us, O Lord, this salvation.



Are you and your family regular readers of the Church paper, "The Messenger"?

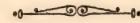


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## THE SENSITIVE MAN.

THE troublesome man in a church is not only the rudely, unfeelingly outspoken one, nor yet the chronic grumbler, the perpetual critic and fault-finder, nor yet the church-gossip and mischief-maker, though these are all troublesome enough, and equally unworthy of the name of true Christians. As bad as any of them is the man who is so morbidly self-conscious, who thinks so much of himself, and loves himself so inordinately well, as to apply every thoughtless remark, every word and deed that is at all capable of an unkind or inappreciative, or uncomplimentary interpretation, to himself. He is continually being offended, hurt, insulted. And once hurt, whether real or only in imagination, his personal grievance outweighs every other consideration. The good of the church, peace and harmony in the Father's family—these are as nothing compared with it. All these must suffer, so that his own personal grievance may be recognized and avenged. Yet such people say they love Christ and love His cause!

It certainly is a strange way they have of showing it.



## Some Things You Will Not be Sorry for Learning:

For hearing before judging.  
For thinking before speaking.  
For holding an angry tongue.  
For stopping the ear to a tattler.  
For being kind to the distressed.  
For being patient to all.  
For asking pardon for wrong.  
For speaking evil of no man.  
For being courteous to all.

## JUNE,

*6th Month, 30 Days.*

1886.

| Weeks and Days. | Remarkable Days.       | Daily Bible Lessons. | Moon R & S | Moon's Place. | Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter. | s. fs. rises | Sun sets. | Sun sets. | HIGH WATER Phila. |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
|                 |                        |                      | h. m. s.   | a.            |   | m. h. m.     | h. m. h.  | m. h. m.  |                   |
| Tuesday         | 1 J. Fred. Oberlin     | Heb. 13:             | 4 32       | 0             | ♂ ♀. ♀ rises 2 24 ☽                                 | 24 40        | 7 20      | 12 40     |                   |
| Wednesday       | 2 Pothinus             | John 14:             | ♂ sets     | 15            | 2d. ♂ south 7 10                                    | 24 40        | 7 20      | 1 19      |                   |
| Thursday        | 3 <i>Ascension Day</i> | Col. 2:              | 8 57       | 0             | Arctur south 9 26 ☽                                 | 24 39        | 7 21      | 2 9       |                   |
| Friday          | 4 Corpus Christi       | John 15:             | 9 51       | 14            | ♂ ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 9 36                                  | 24 39        | 7 21      | 2 51      |                   |
| Saturday        | 5 Boniface             | " 16:                | 10 37      | 29            | ☽ in Per. ♀ sets 12 19                              | 24 38        | 7 22      | 3 40      |                   |

23] 6th Sunday after Easter. John 15: 26-16; 1 Peter 4: 8-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 min.

|           |                     |           |       |    |                      |    |     |    |      |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|-------|----|----------------------|----|-----|----|------|
| Sunday    | 6 Norbert           | 1 John 1: | 11 18 | 12 | Antares sets 11 22   | 24 | 387 | 22 | 4 37 |
| Monday    | 7 Paul Gerhardt     | " 2:      | 11 57 | 25 | Regulus sets 11 41   | 14 | 377 | 23 | 5 15 |
| Tuesday   | 8 A. H. Franke      | " 3:      | morn. | 8  | Ω. ☿ sets 11 59      | 14 | 377 | 23 | 5 54 |
| Wednesday | 9 Columba           | " 4:      | 12 37 | 20 | 9th. ☽ ☿ ☽ ☿         | 14 | 377 | 23 | 6 41 |
| Thursday  | 10 Fr'd. Barbarossa | " 5:      | 1 2   | 2  | ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ rises 2 20 | 14 | 367 | 24 | 7 40 |
| Friday    | 11 Barnabas         | Joel 3:   | 1 33  | 14 | ☽ in Perihelion      | 14 | 367 | 24 | 8 39 |
| Saturday  | 12 Renata           | John 17:  | 2 5   | 26 | Neptune in Per.      | 04 | 367 | 24 | 9 38 |

<sup>24]</sup> *Whit Sunday or Pentecost.* John 14: 15-31; Acts 2: 1-11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.*

|           |                       |                |         |   |    |                      |         |      |    |    |    |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|---------|---|----|----------------------|---------|------|----|----|----|
| Sunday    | 13 <i>Whit Sunday</i> | Gal. 3: 4: 1-7 | 2 37    |  | 7  | Pollux sets 9 57     | 0 4     | 36 7 | 24 | 10 | 30 |
| Monday    | 14 <i>Whit Monday</i> | " 5:           | 3 8     |  | 19 | ζ sets 11 39         | Sun 4   | 35 7 | 25 | 11 | 24 |
| Tuesday   | 15 W. Wilberforce     | Romans 12:     | 3 52    |  | 1  | η sets 8 50          | stl'w 4 | 35 7 | 25 | 12 | 20 |
| Wednesday | 16 <i>Emberday</i>    | 1 Cor. 13:     | ▷ rises |  | 12 | ☽ 16th. ♀ sets 11 49 | 0 4     | 35 7 | 25 | 1  | 16 |
| Thursday  | 17 John Tauler        | Rom. 6: 19; 7: | 8 40    |  | 25 | ☿ Wega south 12 54 ☽ | 14      | 35 7 | 25 | 1  | 59 |
| Friday    | 18 Pamphilus          | " 8:           | 9 26    |  | 8  | □ Ή. ♀ rises 2 14    | 14      | 35 7 | 25 | 2  | 42 |
| Saturday  | 19 Council at Nice    | 2 Cor. 5:      | 9 49    |  | 21 | Altair sets 11 54    | 14      | 35 7 | 25 | 3  | 31 |

[25] *Trinity Sunday.* John 3: 1-15; Rev. 4: 1-11. *Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*

|           |    |                  |          |            |       |   |   |        |   |       |             |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|------------------|----------|------------|-------|---|---|--------|---|-------|-------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Sunday    | 20 | 27               | Martyrs  | Acts 1: 2: | 10    | 16  |    | 3      | in apo.   | 6     | ♀           | λ.     | 14 | 35 | 7  | 25 | 4  | 16 |    |    |    |
| Monday    | 21 | Matt.            | Claudius | " 3:       | 10    | 59  |    | 17     | enters  | 25    | Longest Day |        | 14 | 34 | 7  | 26 | 5  | 6  |    |    |    |
| Tuesday   | 22 | Gottschalk       | " 4:     | 11         | 23    |  | 2   | Summer | Commences   |       |             |        | 24 | 35 | 7  | 25 | 5  | 49 |    |    |    |
| Wednesday | 23 | Gottfried Arnold | " 5:     | 11         | 59    |  | 17  | 8.     | 24  | sets  | 11          | 22     |    | 24 | 35 | 7  | 25 | 6  | 34 |    |    |
| Thursday  | 24 | John             | Baptist  | " 6:       | morn. |  | 2   |        | 24th.   | 6     | sets        | 11     | 36 |    | 24 | 35 | 7  | 25 | 7  | 29 |    |
| Friday    | 25 | Augsburg         | Conf.    | " 7:       | 12    | 15  |   | 17     |  | π     | λ.          | 2 sets | 8  | 20 |    | 24 | 35 | 7  | 25 | 8  | 24 |
| Saturday  | 26 | J. Val.          | Andräe   | " 8:       | 12    | 58  |  | 3      | ♀   | rises | 2           | 10     |    |    | 24 | 35 | 7  | 25 | 9  | 12 |    |

267 1st Sunday after Trinity. Luke 16: 19-21; 1 John 4: 7-21. Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.

|           |    |                |                |   |    |   |    |             |          |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----------------|----------------|---|----|---|----|-------------|----------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Sunday    | 27 | Seven Sleepers | 1 Pet. 2: 1-10 | 1 | 12 |  | 18 | 6 ♀         | Neptune  | 34  | 35 | 7  | 25 | 9  | 47 |    |
| Monday    | 28 | Irenæus        | Acts 10:       | 1 | 58 |  | 3  | 6 ♂         | 2.       | 6 ♀ | 34 | 35 | 7  | 25 | 10 | 40 |
| Tuesday   | 29 | Peter and Paul | " 11:          | 2 | 30 |  | 18 | Spica rises | 12 10    | 34  | 36 | 7  | 24 | 11 | 30 |    |
| Wednesday | 30 | Raymond Lully  | " 12:          | 3 | 25 |  | 3  | 6 ♀         | sets 8 1 | 34  | 36 | 7  | 24 | 12 | 25 |    |

## MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 2d, 8 o'clock, 55 minutes, morning.  
 First Quarter, 9th, 2 " 26 " morning.  
 Full Moon, 16th, 8 " 38 " morning.  
 Last Quarter, 24th, 11 " 35 " evening.

## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, showers; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, showers; 25, 26, 27, warm; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, thunder showers.

## •JUNE•

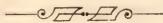
### PASTOR AND PEOPLE.

THE pastor is not "hired" by the year. He is not "hired" at all. When you employ a man to work for you, you are the master and he is servant. You tell him when, where and what to work, and order his whole course. Not so with the pastor. He is not at your bidding, but rather you are at his, in the Lord. He is over you, says the apostle (Heb. 13: 7, 17).

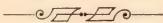
So far as money is concerned, it is not so much pay for so much work, a fixed salary for a certain service. Paul speaks of it very differently.

No, no. The relation of pastor and people is very sacred, not a financial contract, not a worldly partnership, but rather a marriage bond; something broader, deeper than any business tie. Pastor and people are wedded, bound together by most tender love, having one heart, one mind, one work. Therefore this union is clothed with all the sacredness and solemnity of classical installation—and of dissolution when necessary.

Every member, and especially every officer, in the Reformed Church should see and feel that pastor and people are one in the Lord, and therefore like husband and wife to live together in loving faithfulness to each other and to the Lord.



UNITED effort in and through the Church on the part of every one of its members is what the world needs to-day, is what God has blessed in the past and will bless in the days to come. Christians are all laborers together with God, but each one should have an abiding place in some particular field where God's work is being done—should always be in his place and doing heartily, as unto the Lord, his share of the work. True loyalty means staying at home, and forbids all roaming from Dan to Beersheba in the ecclesiastical world. As the duties of the pastor require him to be in his place and doing his work, so the members of the flock should be found regularly in their place, and by their presence, sympathy, prayers and labors, aid in the advancement of the Lord's work and in the upbuilding and the enlarging of his kingdom.—*The Presbyterian*.



THE Helps used in the Sunday-school should be those that are issued under the direction of the Church. It is a mistake to bring those in of another denomination. It is leading the young in ways the Church does not pursue.



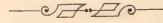
MISSION HOUSE, SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN.

### BOYS THAT READ.

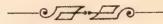
THE two boys were busy reading, when sister spoke up and said: "These two boys are called preacher and deacon at school."

Very well. They now already know much more than many that are older. After a while they will be known and respected as intelligent young men. Think of Mr. Blank. How does he come to know so much? Why do people ask his advice

again and again? He never was in college. His education at school was not much. But when a young man he kept good company, read something every week that was worth reading, talked with people that knew more than he, and wisely used his spare time.



“A WELL-KNOWN clergyman,” says the *Hartford Times*, “once preached a powerful sermon against the besetting sin of a violent temper. It was so potent, so pungent, so real that he was congratulated by several of his hearers, who expressed a kind of admiring surprise at such a searching and effective discourse on that subject. ‘Why,’ he replied, ‘I did that out of my own personal experience. It was because I knew just where I was daily sinning myself, and in the worst way too, in that very direction, that I was able to make such a feeling sermon on that particular thing. If you believe me, I was not preaching at any of you, but at myself. I was trying to reform myself.’”



WE are not to train our children merely to be missionaries and ministers; not all are called to these offices; nor yet are we merely to select one and train that for the ministry, while the rest are trained for the world. We are to train all to the missionary spirit and the missionary work; to train all to feel that they are placed on earth, not to enjoy themselves only, not to acquire property and honor, not to get a living, but to serve God and do good; that to this end all other pursuits must be made subservient, all needful labor and self-denial endured. There are a few in almost every church who, when removed, are missed and mourned by the whole church, scarcely knowing how to get along without their efforts or their prayers. But there are too many who can easily be spared. Parents should aim to train their children so to be *pillars* in the temple of God that their removal shall be a manifest breach upon the church.

# JULY,

## 7th Month, 31 Days.

1886.

| Weeks and Days. | Remarkable Days.          | Daily Bible Lessons.             | Moon R & S                      | Moon's Place.       | Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter. | s. sl. rises. | Sun. sets. | Sun. Phila. | HIGH WATER |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                 |                           |                                  | h. m.s.                         | a.                  |   | m. h.         | m. h.      | m. h.       | m.         |
| Thursday        | 1 H. Voes                 | 1 Pet. 2: 11; 3: 1-17            | ☽ sets                          | 18                  | 1st. ☽ ☽ b. ☽                                       | 34            | 36         | 7 24        | 1 17       |
| Friday          | 2 Visit Vir. Mary         | " 3: 18; 4: 16                   | 8 41                            | 2                   | ○ in Apogee   | 44            | 37         | 7 23        | 1 54       |
| Saturday        | 3 Otto Bishop             | " 4: 17-5:                       | 9 26                            | 17                  | ☽ in Per. ☽ ☽ b. ○                                  | 44            | 37         | 7 23        | 2 42       |
| 27]             | 2d Sunday after Trinity.  | Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-24. | Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 min. |                     |   |               |            |             |            |
| Sunday          | 4 Independence            | Luke 14: 16-24                   | 9 57                            | ☽ 3                 | ♀ rises 2 7   | 44            | 37         | 7 23        | 3 26       |
| Monday          | 5 Lord Cobham             | 2 Pet. 1: 12; 2: 3               | 10 35                           | ☽ 17                | ☽ sets 11 1   | 44            | 38         | 7 22        | 4 11       |
| Tuesday         | 6 John Huss               | James 2:                         | 11 4                            | ☽ 29                | ☽. Regulus sets 6 40                                | 44            | 38         | 7 22        | 4 51       |
| Wednesday       | 7 Willibald               | " 3:                             | 11 34                           | ☽ 11                | ☽ ☽. ☽. ☽ sets 11 14                                | 54            | 38         | 7 22        | 5 40       |
| Thursday        | 8 Kilian                  | " 4:                             | morn.                           | ☽ 23                | ☽ 8th. ☽ gr. El. Lat. Nth                           | 54            | 39         | 7 21        | 6 38       |
| Friday          | 9 Ephraim the Syr.        | " 5:                             | 12 38                           | ☽ 4                 | ☽ ☽ II. Wega south 11 14                            | 54            | 39         | 7 21        | 7 36       |
| Saturday        | 10 Wm. of Orange          | Jude                             | 1 10                            | ☽ 16                | Antares south 9 4                                   | 54            | 40         | 7 20        | 8 29       |
| 28]             | 3d Sunday after Trinity.  | Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Pet. 5: 6-11.   | Day's Length, 14 hours, 40 min. |                     |   |               |            |             |            |
| Sunday          | 11 Placidus               | Acts 13:                         | 1 45                            | ☽ 26                | Arctur sets 1 58                                    | 54            | 40         | 7 20        | 9 20       |
| Monday          | 12 Henry II.              | " 13: 1-12                       | 2 29                            | ☽ 10                | ♀ rises 2 10  | 54            | 41         | 7 19        | 10 18      |
| Tuesday         | 13 Eugenius               | " 14: 13-52                      | 3 21                            | ☽ 22                | Spica sets 11 12                                    | 54            | 41         | 7 19        | 11 17      |
| Wednesday       | 14 Bonaventura            | " 15:                            | 4 10                            | ☽ 4                 | Altair south 12 10 ☽                                | 54            | 42         | 7 18        | 12 16      |
| Thursday        | 15 Answer                 | " 16:                            | ☽ rises                         | ☽ 17                | ☽ 15th. ☽ sets 10 29                                | 64            | 43         | 7 17        | 1 15       |
| Friday          | 16 Anna Askow             | " 17:                            | 8 4                             | ☽ 0                 | ☽ sets 10 46  | 64            | 43         | 7 17        | 2 4        |
| Saturday        | 17 Speratus & 11 co.      | " 17: 15; 18: 11                 | 8 45                            | ☽ 13                | Regulus sets 8 9                                    | 64            | 44         | 7 16        | 2 47       |
| 29]             | 4th Sunday after Trinity. | Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23.    | Day's Length, 14 hours, 30 min. |                     |   |               |            |             |            |
| Sunday          | 18 Arnulf                 | 1 Thess. 1:                      | 9 25                            | ☽ 26                | ♀ rises 2 22  | 64            | 45         | 7 15        | 3 30       |
| Monday          | 19 Louisa Henrietta       | " 2: 1-16:                       | 9 57                            | ☽ 10                | ☽ in Apo. ♀ gr. Elon. E.                            | 64            | 45         | 7 15        | 4 15       |
| Tuesday         | 20 John Marteihl          | " 2: 17; 3:                      | 10 35                           | ☽ 24                | ☽ ♀ sets 8 0  | 64            | 46         | 7 14        | 5 54       |
| Wednesday       | 21 Eberhard               | " 4:                             | 10 58                           | ☽ 8                 | Dog days commence                                   | 64            | 47         | 7 13        | 6 41       |
| Thursday        | 22 Mary Magdalen          | " 5:                             | 11 26                           | ☽ 22                | 7* rises 12 7                                       | 64            | 48         | 7 12        | 7 32       |
| Friday          | 23 Godfr. v. Hamele       | 2 " 1: 2: 12                     | 11 57                           | ☽ 6                 | ☽ ○ enters ♀  | 64            | 49         | 7 11        | 8 16       |
| Saturday        | 24 Thos. A. Kempis        | " 2: 13; 3: morn.                | ☽ 20                            | ☽ 24th. ☽ sets 9 55 | 64  | 50            | 7 10       | 8 58        |            |
| 30]             | 5th Sunday after Trinity. | Luke 5: 1-11; 1 Pet. 3: 8-15.    | Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 min. |                     |   |               |            |             |            |
| Sunday          | 25 St. James              | Gala. 1: 1-10                    | 12 37                           | ☽ 5                 | ☽ in Aphelion                                       | 64            | 50         | 7 10        | 9 43       |
| Monday          | 26 Christopher            | Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10            | 1 19                            | ☽ 19                | ☽ sets 10 26  | 64            | 51         | 7 9         | 10 23      |
| Tuesday         | 27 Raym. Palmarius        | Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14             | 2 14                            | ☽ 3                 | Pollux sets 8 11 ☽                                  | 64            | 52         | 7           | 8 11 6     |
| Wednesday       | 28 Jno. Seb. Bach         | " 2: 15; 3: 1-14                 | 3 10                            | ☽ 17                | ☽ ☽. ♀ rises 2 30                                   | 64            | 53         | 7           | 11 47      |
| Thursday        | 29 Olaus                  | " 3: 15                          | 4 0                             | ☽ 1                 | ☽ ☽ b. ☽ rises 4 1                                  | 64            | 54         | 7           | 12 21      |
| Friday          | 30 John Wessel            | " 4:                             | 4 40                            | ☽ 15                | ☽ Aldeb. rises 12 54                                | 64            | 55         | 7           | 12 50      |
| Saturday        | 31 Jno. Cas. Schade       | " 5: 6:                          | ☽ sets                          | ☽ 28                | ☽ 31st. Altair sou' h 11 2                          | 64            | 56         | 7 4         | 1 22       |

### MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 1st, 5 o'clock, 6 minutes, afternoon.  
 First Quarter, 8th, 8 " 18 " morning.  
 Full Moon, 15th, 10 " 8 " evening.  
 Last Quarter, 24th, 2 " 21 " morning.  
 New Moon, 31st, 12 " 25 " morning.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, fair; 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, warm; 8, 9, stormy; 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, showers; 22, 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, 30, warmest days; 31, clear.

☽ Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun on the 3d and cannot be seen.

## •JULY•

### Why do Elders not Speak?

ELDERS are sent by the Consistory to the Classis, and by the Classis to the Synod. They are sent there to take part with the pastors in managing the interests of the whole Church (not just their own little apportionments and local affairs). For the most part they are men of age, experience and good judgment. They are the very men who should take a leading part in much of the business of the Classis and Synod; but they seldom speak in public. They listen to all that is said, and do much thinking over matters, and often differ from what is said, and even object to the action that is taken; *but they say nothing in the body.*

Have they done their duty? Have they a clear conscience in the case? Have we not lost the benefit of their judgment? Often they do not even vote, because they do not favor the action and yet they do not like openly to vote against it. Is this right? Sometimes just a few words from some quiet elder changes the whole appearance of a question, because he speaks from an experience which no other has had. Brethren, speak out. Your words have weight, even if they are few.

Two laborers were trying to place a stone in position on the foundation wall of a new building. A crowd was standing around, looking on, and each one offering his criticism and counsel freely and loudly, but not one lifting so much as a finger to help. "That reminds me of Church-work," said a passer-by to another. "Why?" "Because," was the reply, "two men are doing the work, and twenty are doing the talking!"

MORAL: Work—or be still.—*The Moravian.*

### MEDITATION IN THE HOUSE OF GOD.

THE house of God is a place for singing, praying, almsgiving, the hearing of the word, the enjoyment of the holy sacraments, for all the common and special services of the Church; but it is also a place for pious meditation. "We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple."

There we are free from care. All our surroundings call us to reflection. Pews and pulpit, altar and choir, hymns and scriptures, all have a solemn voice.

For this reason we should go to church early, as many good people do, not to see our neighbors and get the



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news, not to stand out front with idle tongue, not to walk aimlessly about the building—but for meditation. "My feet shall stand *within* thy gates, oh Jerusalem."

We have much to think about in God's house, things past and present, friends long gone, our own baptism, catechization, confirmation and manner of life, but especially should we think of the mercy of God toward us and toward all men, what David so often with pious emphasis calls "the *loving-kindness*" of God.

Such a habit gives us a deeper insight into the word of God, awakens holy longings, fills us with cheerful hopes, calls out thoughtfulness and thankfulness, prepares us for devout worship and sends us home stronger in grace and more heavenly-minded.

### NEWSPAPERS OF THE WORLD.

A FRENCH journal says that the whole number of newspapers in the world is 34,274—producing 160,000,000 of copies each year. This is nearly six and a quarter copies for every inhabitant of the globe! These numerous journals are distributed as follows: 19,557 appear in Europe; 12,400 in North America; 775 in Asia; 699 in South America; 661 in Australia; 132 in Africa. The English language is employed in 16,500 periodical publications; 7,800 are printed in German; 3,850 in French; 1,800 in Spanish. There are 4,020 daily journals; 18,274 weekly; and 8,508 appearing at longer intervals.

# AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1886.

| Weeks and Days.  | Remarkable Days.     | Daily Bible Lessons. | Moon R & S<br>h. m.s. | Moon's Place.<br>a. | Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter. | s. sl. rises. | Sun. sets. m. h. m. h. | Sun. sets. m. h. m. h. | HIGH WATER |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|---------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 31] 6th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-11. Day's Length, 14 hours, 6 min.     |                      |                      |                       |                     |   |               |                        |                        |            |
| Sunday   | 1 Maccabees          | 1 Cor. 1:            | 8 25                  | ☽ 11                | ☽ in Per. ♀ stationary                              | 6 4           | 57 7                   | 3                      | 1 58       |
| Monday   | 2 Mar. under Nero    | " 2:                 | 8 56                  | ☽ 24                | ☽. ♀ rises 2 28                                     | 6 4           | 58 7                   | 2                      | 2 41       |
| Tuesday  | 3 Wm. Thorp          | " 3: 4: 1-4          | 9 28                  | ☽ 6                 | ☽ ☽ 2. ♀ sets 9 15                                  | 6 4           | 59 7                   | 1                      | 3 22       |
| Wednesday  | 4 Leonard Küser      | " 4:5; 5: 1-8        | 9 58                  | ☽ 18                | ☽ ☽ 5. ♀ sets 9 59                                  | 6 5           | 0 7                    | 0                      | 4 12       |
| Thursday   | 5 Salzb'g Evang.     | " 5: 9; 6:           | 10 27                 | ☽ 0                 | Sirius rises 4 36                                   | 6 5           | 1 6 59                 | 4                      | 5 52       |
| Friday   | 6 Transfiguration    | " 7:                 | 11 0                  | ☽ 12                | ☽ 6th. ♀ rises 3 41                                 | 6 5           | 2 6 58                 | 5                      | 40         |
| Saturday   | 7 Nonna              | " 8: 9:              | 11 36                 | ☽ 24                | ☽ 7* rises 11 16                                    | 6 5           | 3 6 57                 | 6                      | 41         |
| 32] 7th Sunday after Trinity. Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23. Day's Length, 13 hours, 52 min.      |                      |                      |                       |                     |   |               |                        |                        |            |
| Sunday   | 8 Hormisdas          | 1 Cor. 10: 11-1      | morn.                 | ☽ 6                 | ☽ ♀ ♀. Rigel rises 1 28                             | 5 5           | 46 56                  | 7                      | 40         |
| Monday   | 9 Numidicus          | " 11: 2              | 12 15                 | ☽ 18                | Regulus sets 7 29                                   | 5 5           | 56 55                  | 8                      | 39         |
| Tuesday  | 10 Laurentius        | " 12: 1-30           | 12 57                 | ☽ 0                 | ☽ rises 2 38  | 5 5           | 66 54                  | 9                      | 30         |
| Wednesday  | 11 Greg. of Utrecht  | " 12: 31; 13         | 1 47                  | ☽ 13                | Orion rises 2 0                                     | 5 5           | 76 53                  | 10                     | 24         |
| Thursday   | 12 An. of Havell'g   | " 14:                | 2 43                  | ☽ 26                | ☽ sets 9 41   | 5 5           | 86 52                  | 11                     | 21         |
| Friday   | 13 C'nt. Zinzenzorff | " 15: 1; 34          | 3 41                  | ☽ 9                 | ☽ ♀ sets 8 35                                       | 5 5           | 96 51                  | 12                     | 19         |
| Saturday   | 14 James Guthrie     | " 15: 35; 16         | ☽ rises               | ☽ 23                | ☽ 14th. ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.                          | 5 5           | 106 50                 | 1                      | 17         |
| 33] 8th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 7: 15-21; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length, 13 hours, 38 min.   |                      |                      |                       |                     |   |               |                        |                        |            |
| Sunday   | 15 Virgin Mary       | Acts 19: 11; 20: 1   | 7 46                  | ☽ 6                 | ☽ in apo. ♀   | 4 5           | 116 49                 | 2                      | 7          |
| Monday   | 16 John of Saxony    | 2 Cor. 1: 1-22       | 8 10                  | ☽ 20                | ☽ ♀ ⊖ Inferior. 6 ♀ ☽                               | 4 5           | 126 48                 | 2                      | 55         |
| Tuesday  | 17 John Gerhard      | " 1: 23; 2:          | 8 49                  | ☽ 4                 | ☽ rises 3 16  | 4 5           | 146 46                 | 3                      | 41         |
| Wednesday  | 18 Hugo Grotius      | " 3: 4: 1-6          | 9 48                  | ☽ 19                | ☽ rises 2 50  | 4 5           | 156 45                 | 4                      | 29         |
| Thursday   | 19 Sebaldus          | " 4: 7; 5: 10        | 10 18                 | ☽ 3                 | Wega south 8 38                                     | 4 5           | 166 44                 | 5                      | 19         |
| Friday   | 20 Bernard of Clair  | " 5: 11; 6: 7: 1     | 10 48                 | ☽ 18                | ☽ Neptune ⊖   | 3 5           | 176 43                 | 5                      | 59         |
| Saturday   | 21 1st Morv. Miss.   | " 7: 2               | 11 23                 | ☽ 1                 | ☽ sets 8 8  | 3 5           | 186 42                 | 6                      | 42         |
| 34] 9th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 1-13. Day's Length, 13 hours, 22 min.   |                      |                      |                       |                     |   |               |                        |                        |            |
| Sunday   | 22 Symphorianus      | 2 Cor. 8: 1          | morn.                 | ☽ 15                | ☽ 22d. ♀ in Aphelion                                | 3 5           | 196 41                 | 7                      | 22         |
| Monday   | 23 Gasp. de Coligne  | " 9:                 | 12 9                  | ☽ 29                | ☽ ⊖ enters ♀ ☽                                      | 3 5           | 216 39                 | 8                      | 10         |
| Tuesday  | 24 Bartholomew       | " 10:                | 1 5                   | ☽ 13                | ☽ sets 9 19   | 2 5           | 226 38                 | 8                      | 54         |
| Wednesday  | 25 Louis IX.         | " 11:                | 2 1                   | ☽ 27                | ☽ stationary  | 2 5           | 236 37                 | 9                      | 41         |
| Thursday   | 26 Ulfilas           | " 12: 1-18           | 3 0                   | ☽ 10                | ☽ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 2 56                                 | 1 5           | 246 36                 | 10                     | 30         |
| Friday   | 27 Jovinian          | " 12: 19; 13:        | 3 59                  | ☽ 23                | ☽ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 3 12                                 | 1 5           | 256 35                 | 11                     | 26         |
| Saturday   | 28 Aug. of Hippo     | Acts 20: 1-13        | 4 43                  | ☽ 7                 | ☽ Orion rises 1 5                                   | 1 5           | 276 33                 | 12                     | 23         |
| 35] 10th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 19: 41-47; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11. Day's Length, 13 hours, 4 min. |                      |                      |                       |                     |   |               |                        |                        |            |
| Sunday   | 29 John Bapt. B'd    | Rom. 1: 1-17         | ☽ sets                | ☽ 20                | ☽ 29th. ☽ in Per.                                   | 1 5           | 286 32                 | 1                      | 21         |
| Monday   | 30 Claud. of Turin   | " 1: 18-31           | 7 28                  | ☽ 2                 | ☽ ♀ sets 7 50                                       | 0 5           | 296 31                 | 1                      | 55         |
| Tuesday  | 31 Aidan             | " 2:                 | 8 0                   | ☽ 14                | ☽ ☽ Neptune stationary                              | 0 5           | 316 29                 | 2                      | 42         |

### MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 6th, 4 o'clock, 6 minutes, afternoon.  
 Full Moon, 14th, 1 " 24 " afternoon.  
 Last Quarter, 22d, 2 " 41 " afternoon.  
 New Moon, 29th, 7 " 54 " morning.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, changeable; 4, 5, rain; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, warm; 24, 25, showers; 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, 30, warm; 31, showers.

## •AUGUST•

### HARVEST-HOME.

The beautiful custom of annual Harvest-Home services is not of modern origin. It began with the ancient people of God who brought the "first fruits" of the earth and laid them on the altar as an offering unto the Lord.

This festival is held in sacred esteem by our people. It is a day of special gladness to those who till the soil and gather the fruit of their toil. It is no less a season of thanksgiving to all people.

God has been very kind and good to us. How can we store the ripe grain without grateful hearts to Him who crowneth the year with His goodness? How can we enjoy the precious increase of the earth, without liberal gifts to the Father of mercies?

If you don't get along well, do not blame the Lord. If business shrinks and panics crush, let us first inquire, did not our liberality shrivel?

The bulk of the Harvest-Home collections consists of copper pennies. The Bible tells us that "the silver and gold belong to the Lord." Why, then, withhold it from Him who giveth us richly to enjoy all things?

• LIFE force may go into words or it may go into deeds. The power of steam may expend itself through the cylinder or through the whistle. Steady living, under

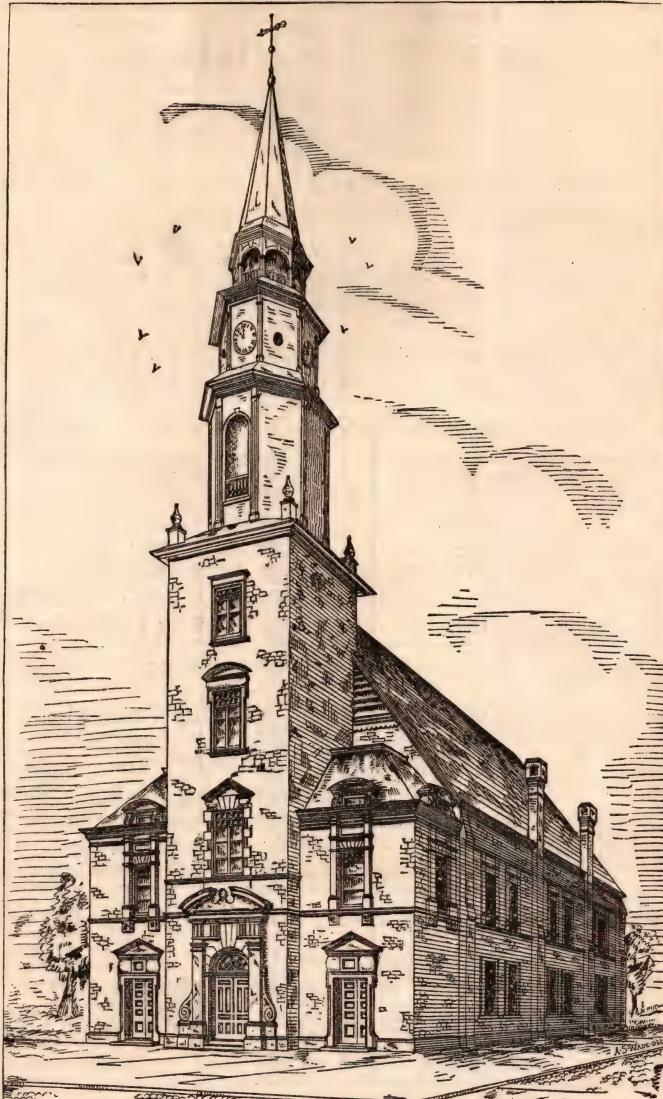
the sweet pressure of genuine love for God, is vastly more eloquent than the most rhetorically sweet sounding declarations by the human voice. There may be a religion without words; there can be none without deeds.

• He that will not permit his wealth to do any good to others while he is alive, prevents it from doing any good to himself when he is dead; and by an egotism that is suicidal and has a double edge cuts himself off from the truest pleasure, and the highest happiness hereafter.—*Colton.*

• REMEMBER the present moment comes to you as the moment of God. Use it for His glory, and every succeeding moment, for which we must render account to God. May God be all in all to us in every passing moment, now and forever!—*Madame Guyon.*

• REMEMBER the cause of the orphans! Beautiful houses: Bethany at Womelsdorf, Pa., St. Paul's at Butler, Pa., the Reformed at Fort Wayne, Ind., have been provided for

them. These deserve the support of the Church. They do more good for the Church than can be calculated. The Church cannot let them want.



TRINITY REFORMED CHAPEL, FREDERICK, MD.

REV. E. R. ESCHBACH, D.D., PASTOR.

## SEPTEMBER,

**9th Month, 30 Days.**

1886.

| Weeks and Days. | Remarkable Days. | Daily Bible Lessons. | Moon R & S | Moon's Place. | Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter. | s. fs. | Sun rises. | Sun sets. | HIGH WATER. |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------|---|--------|------------|-----------|-------------|
|                 |                  |                      | h. m. s.   | a.            |   | m.     | m. h.      | m. h.     | Phila.      |
| Wednesday       | 1 Hanna          | Rom. 3: 1            | 8 40       | 26            | Dog Days End ☽                                      | 05     | 326        | 28        | 3 19        |
| Thursday        | 2 Mamas          | " 4: 1               | 9 13       | 8             | ☽ gr. Elong. W. 6 ☽                                 | 05     | 336        | 27        | 4 9         |
| Friday          | 3 Hildegarde     | " 5: 1-11            | 9 45       | 20            | ☽ rises 4 39  | 15     | 346        | 26        | 4 55        |
| Saturday        | 4 Ida            | " 5: 12-21           | 10 25      | 2             | ☽ rises 3 36  | 15     | 366        | 24        | 5 42        |

[36] 11th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 46 min.

|               |                   |            |       |   |    |   |                   |            |       |
|---------------|-------------------|------------|-------|---|----|---|-------------------|------------|-------|
| <b>Sunday</b> | 5 John Mollio     | Rom. 6:    | 11 8  |    | 15 |    | 5th. ♈ sets 8 59  | 15 37 6 23 | 6 27  |
| Monday        | 6 Martin Weibel   | " 7:       | 11 52 |    | 26 |    | h rises 2 16      | 25 38 6 22 | 7 12  |
| Tuesday       | 7 Laz. Spengler   | " 8: 1-15  | morn. |   | 8  |  | in Perihelion     | 25 39 6 21 | 7 54  |
| Wednesday     | 8 Corbinian       | " 8: 16-39 | 12 35 |  | 20 |  | sets 7 12         | 25 41 6 19 | 8 40  |
| Thursday      | 9 Lorigi Paschall | " 9: 1-13  | 1 32  |  | 3  |  | Orion rises 12 12 | 35 42 6 18 | 9 26  |
| Friday        | 10 Paul Seperatus | " 9: 14-33 | 2 34  |  | 16 |  | 7* rises 8 58     | 35 43 6 17 | 10 24 |
| Saturday      | 11 John Brenz     | " 10:      | 3 38  |  | 0  |  | in apogee ♀       | 35 44 6 16 | 11 23 |

87] 12th Sunday after Trinity. Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 28 min.

|           |                     |             |   |  |   |         |       |    |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------|---|--|---|---------|-------|----|
| Sunday    | 12 Dionys's Peloq'n | Rom. 11:    | 4 41  |  14   |  ♀ rises 3 50            | 45 46 6 | 14 11 | 22 |
| Monday    | 13 Wm. Farel        | " 12:       |  rises | 0  |  13th. Altair south 8 16 | 45 47 6 | 13 1  | 21 |
| Tuesday   | 14 Cyprian          | " 13:       | 7 7   |  14   | λ rises 1 52  | 45 48 6 | 12 2  | 11 |
| Wednesday | 15 <i>Ember Day</i> | " 14:       | 8 8   |  29   | λ sets 6 50   | 55 50 6 | 10 2  | 52 |
| Thursday  | 16 Euphemia         | " 15: 1-13  | 8 44  |  13  | λ sets 8 36   | 55 52 6 | 8 3   | 40 |
| Friday    | 17 Lambert          | " 15: 14-33 | 9 30  |  28 | ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. North   | 55 54 6 | 6 4   | 31 |
| Saturday  | 18 A.G. Spangenb'g  | " 16:       | 10 17   |  12 | ♀ in Perihelion   | 65 55 6 | 5 5   | 20 |

<sup>38]</sup> 13th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 10: 23-27; Gal. 3: 16-22. Day's Length, 12 hours, 6 min.

39] 14th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24. Day's Length, 11 hours, 50 min.

|           |    |                |                  |  |   |      |   |    |                                |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |
|-----------|----|----------------|------------------|--|---|------|---|----|--------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Sunday    | 26 | Lioba          | Eph. 1: 1-44     |  | 5 | 10   |    | 28 | in. Per. ♂ ♀ [ ⊙ Sup-<br>erior | 9  | 6  | 5 | 5  | 5  | 12 | 24 |
| Monday    | 27 | Phil. Graveron | " 1: 15; 2: 1-10 |  | 5 | sets |    | 10 | 27th. ♂ ♀ . ♂ ♀                | 9  | 6  | 6 | 5  | 54 | 1  | 16 |
| Tuesday   | 28 | A. Clarenbach  | " 2: 11; 3:      |  | 6 | 47   |    | 22 | ♂ ♀ 2. ♀ ris. 4                | 38 | 9  | 6 | 75 | 53 | 1  | 56 |
| Wednesday | 29 | St. Michael    | " 4: 1-17        |  | 7 | 39   |  | 4  | ♂ ♀ π. Orion ris. 11           | 12 | 10 | 6 | 85 | 52 | 2  | 42 |
| Thursday  | 30 | Jerome         | " 4: 18          |  | 8 | 29   |  | 16 | ♂ π ⊙. 3 ♂ . ♂ s. 8            | 16 | 10 | 6 | 95 | 51 | 3  | 33 |

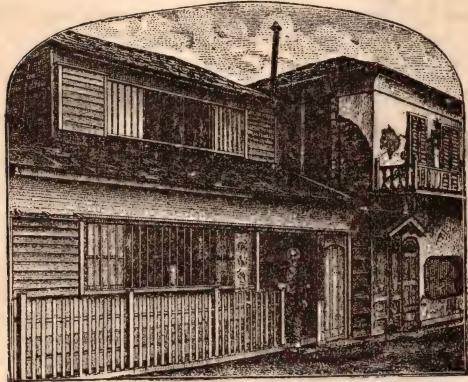
## MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 5th, 2 o'clock, 55 minutes, morning.  
 Full Moon, 13th, 5 " 50 " morning.  
 Last Quarter, 21st, 12 " 55 " morning.  
 New Moon, 27th, 4 " 18 " evening.

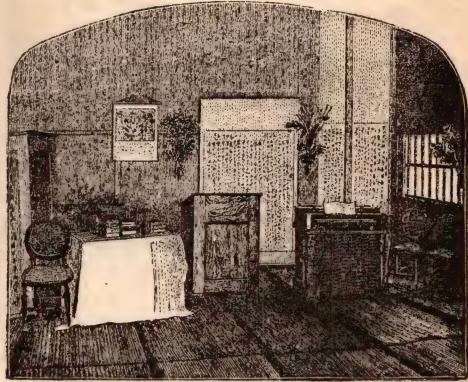
## CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, 6, 7, mild; 8, 9, cloudy; 10, 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, showers; 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, 20, fair; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, warm; 28, 29, variable; 30, fair.

## SEPTEMBER



EXTERIOR.



INTERIOR.

### MISSION SCHOOL BUILDING OF THE REFORMED CHURCH NEAR THE BRIDGE, NIHON-BASHI, TOKIO, JAPAN.

Devotional Exercises before the opening of School, daily from 8.30 to 9 A. M.  
Divine Services conducted by Missionaries Gring and Moore every Sunday.  
First Reformed Congregation organized May 11th, 1884. Mr. Sudyuki ordained Elder, and Mr. Ariah (who is seen standing at the door), Deacon.  
First Communion of the Lord's Supper celebrated in it May 18th, 1884.

#### THE COST OF A CONVERT.

MISSIONARY work in Japan began in 1859. By 1864, \$60,000 had been spent by all the Churches, and one convert was the fruit. Eight years later (1872), \$180,000 had been spent, and ten converts were the fruit, each costing \$18,000. Now the work has cost about \$2,000,000, and the 5,000 converts have cost the Church \$400 each. Of course as the work goes on, year by year, the average cost of converts will fall to a mere mite. (The first steel rail rolled in America cost \$500,000 in experiments and outlay. Now they cost less than \$40 a ton.)

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS PAY.

THEY pay financially, as the old wheel-wright found who gave one dollar to missions in the Sandwich Islands, feeling as if he had dropped it into the sea, but was amazed to receive not long after an order for twenty carts at ninety dollars each. They pay scientifically, as the sixty languages reduced by missionaries to grammatical form attest. They pay restoratively, as the Papuan and the Maori of the day bear witness; and Africander; and Vara, a Sandwich Islander, who, born a heathen, on his death-bed said to friends about him, that his canoe was ready, its sail was spread, and his pilot on board; and a certain Brahman, who, when converted, besides being invincible in argument, possessed such eloquence as to bring tears to Brahman eyes—a feat as

difficult as wringing moisture from the pebbles of the brook. That they have restored society and whole nations, let the disappearance of Suttee, of Juggernaut, and of drowning in the Ganges declare; and Madagascar and Polynesia—that submerged continent—and Fiji with her eight hundred churches swell the testimony. If, after reflecting on facts like these, a preacher should have no zeal for missions, what a "narrow-chested, spindle-legged" character he must be!—*Dr. Scudder at the New Brunswick Inter-Seminary Convention.*

#### WHAT THE CHURCHES ARE DOING.

It is well enough to know what other Churches are doing for Foreign Mission work.

1. The Presbyterian Church yearly spends nearly \$700,000 (163 ordained missionaries), and \$40,000 of this on Japan. The alms of the native Christians, sent in to the Board, are \$25,000.

2. The Methodist Church spends about \$750,000, of which \$40,000 are on Japan.

3. The Dutch Reformed Church, having 82,000 members, received \$90,000 for Foreign Missions in 1884. They have 31 ordained missionaries and 148 assistants.

4. Our own Church, with 150,000 members, has three ordained missionaries and three assistants, with an income of \$4,500 a year. Let us try to do much more.

# OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1886.

| Weeks and Days. | Remarkable Days.           | Daily Bible Lessons.               | Moon R & S<br>h. m.s. | Moon's Place. a. | Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter. | s. Sun fs. rises, sets. | Sun m. h. m. sets. Phila. h. m. h. m. | HIGH WATER |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Friday          | 1 Remigius                 | Eph. 5; 6: 1-9                     | 9 17                  | 28               | ♀ rises 4 49  | 10 6                    | 11 5 49                               | 4 29       |
| Saturday        | 2 Chr. Schmid              | " 6: 10                            | 10 11                 | 28 10            | Sirius rises 1 5                                    | 11 6                    | 12 5 48                               | 5 15       |
| 40]             | 15th Sunday after Trinity. | Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25; 6: 10. |                       |                  | Day's Length, 11 hours, 34 min.                     |                         |                                       |            |
| Sunday          | 3 The two Ewaldes          | Col. 1:                            | 11 10                 | 22               | δ ♀ 2. ♀ rises 12 51                                | 11 6                    | 13 5 47                               | 6 9        |
| Monday          | 4 Franciscus               | " 2; 3: 1-4                        | 11 58                 | 4                | 4th. Orion rises 10 41                              | 11 6                    | 15 5 45                               | 6 57       |
| Tuesday         | 5 Petro Carnesec.          | " 3; 5; 4:                         | morn.                 | 16               | 7* rises 7 29                                       | 11 6                    | 16 5 44                               | 8 41       |
| Wednesday       | 6 Henry Albert             | Philemon                           | 12 38                 | 28               | Arctur sets 8 36                                    | 12 6                    | 17 5 43                               | 9 23       |
| Thursday        | 7 Theodore Beza            | Philip. 1: 1-26                    | 1 34                  | 11               | Antares sets 8 52                                   | 12 6                    | 19 5 41                               | 10 1       |
| Friday          | 8 Robt. of Lincoln         | " 1: 27; 2:                        | 2 24                  | 24               | δ in apo. ♀ sets 7 58                               | 12 6                    | 20 5 40                               | 10 3       |
| Saturday        | 9 Dionysius Areo.          | " 3: 4:                            | 3 21                  | 8                | δ ♀ ⊖ Altair south 6 44                             | 13 6                    | 21 5 39                               | 11 20      |
| 41]             | 16th Sunday after Trinity. | Luke 7: 11-17; Eph. 3: 13-21.      |                       |                  | Day's Length, 11 hours, 16 min.                     |                         |                                       |            |
| Sunday          | 10 Justus Jonas            | 1 Tim. 1:                          | 4 18                  | 22               | ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. ♀. ♀                                | 13 6                    | 22 5 38                               | 11 58      |
| Monday          | 11 U. Zwingli died         | " 2:                               | 5 10                  | 7                | Regulus rises 10 30                                 | 13 6                    | 24 5 36                               | 12 34      |
| Tuesday         | 12 Henry Bullinger         | " 3:                               | 7                     | 22               | 12th. ♀ rises 4 59                                  | 13 6                    | 25 5 35                               | 1 15       |
| Wednesday       | 13 Elizabeth Fry           | " 3: 14; 4: 10                     | 6 50                  | 7                | 7* rises 12 22                                      | 14 6                    | 26 5 34                               | 1 56       |
| Thursday        | 14 Nich. Ridley            | " 4: 11; 5: 16                     | 7 48                  | 22               | δ ♀ ✕. Formal south 9 34                            | 14 6                    | 28 5 32                               | 2 41       |
| Friday          | 15 Aurelia                 | " 5: 17                            | 8 35                  | 7                | □ ♀ ⊖ Orion rises 9 58                              | 14 6                    | 29 5 31                               | 3 30       |
| Saturday        | 16 Gallus                  | " 6:                               | 9 18                  | 22               | δ sets 7 49   | 14 6                    | 30 5 30                               | 4 10       |
| 42]             | 17th Sunday after Trinity. | Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-6.        |                       |                  | Day's Length, 10 hours, 58 min.                     |                         |                                       |            |
| Sunday          | 17 Rev. Edi. of Nan.       | Titus 1:                           | 9 56                  | 6                | Sirius rises 12 8                                   | 15 6                    | 31 5 29                               | 4 56       |
| Monday          | 18 St. Luke Ev.            | " 2:                               | 10 33                 | 21               | Regulus rises 9 40                                  | 15 6                    | 32 5 28                               | 5 34       |
| Tuesday         | 19 Bruno                   | " 3:                               | 11 29                 | 4                | 7* rises 6 38                                       | 15 6                    | 34 5 26                               | 6 11       |
| Wednesday       | 20 F. Lamb't of Avi.       | 2 Tim. 1:                          | morn.                 | 17               | 20th. δ ♀ ⊖ ♀ <sup>In Aph.</sup>                    | 15 6                    | 35 5 25                               | 6 50       |
| Thursday        | 21 Hilarion                | " 2:                               | 12 15                 | 0                | 7* rises 12 6                                       | 15 6                    | 36 5 24                               | 7 56       |
| Friday          | 22 Hedwick                 | " 3:                               | 1 9                   | 13               | δ ♀ 2. ♀ rises 5 33                                 | 16 6                    | 38 5 22                               | 8 18       |
| Saturday        | 23 Henry Martin            | " 4:                               | 2 8                   | 25               | Markab south 9 10                                   | 16 6                    | 39 5 21                               | 8 59       |
| 43]             | 18th Sunday after Trinity. | Matt. 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9.    |                       |                  | Day's Length, 10 hours, 40 min.                     |                         |                                       |            |
| Sunday          | 24 Arethas                 | Heb. 1:                            | 3 7                   | 7                | δ in Per. ♀. ⊖ enters m                             | 16 6                    | 40 5 20                               | 10 1       |
| Monday          | 25 John Herz               | " 2:                               | 4 6                   | 19               | Regulus rises 9 10                                  | 16 6                    | 41 5 19                               | 11 13      |
| Tuesday         | 26 Frederick III.          | " 3: 4:                            | 4 59                  | 1                | δ ♀ 2. ♀.   | 16 6                    | 42 5 18                               | 12 19      |
| Wednesday       | 27 Frumentius              | " 5:                               | 5                     | 13               | 27th. ♀ rises 11 42                                 | 16 6                    | 43 5 17                               | 1 23       |
| Thursday        | 28 Simon and Jude          | " 6:                               | 6 32                  | 25               | δ ♀ ⊖ Orion rises 9 12                              | 16 6                    | 45 5 15                               | 2 12       |
| Friday          | 29 Alfred the Great        | " 7:                               | 7 25                  | 7                | ♀ rises 5 54  | 16 6                    | 46 5 14                               | 2 55       |
| Saturday        | 30 Jacob Sturm             | " 8:                               | 8 18                  | 19               | δ ♀ ⊖ δ sets 7 39                                   | 16 6                    | 47 5 13                               | 3 41       |
| 44]             | 4th Sunday before Advent.  | Matt. 9: 18-26; Col. 1: 9-14.      |                       |                  | Day's Length, 10 hours, 22 min.                     |                         |                                       |            |
| Sunday          | 31 Fest. of Reform'n       | John 21: 1-23                      | 9 10                  | 1                | Procyon rises 10 55                                 | 16 6                    | 48 5 12                               | 4 30       |

### MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 4th, 5 o'clock, 33 minutes, evening.  
Full Moon, 12th, 10 " 23 " evening.  
Last Quarter, 20th, 9 " 40 " morning.  
New Moon, 27th, 2 " 15 " morning.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, 6, fair; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, 10, rain;  
11, 12, stormy; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, cloudy;  
19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, 27, variable; 28,  
29, rain; 30, 31, clear.

2 Jupiter is in conjunction with the sun on the 9th, and cannot be seen.

# OCTOBER

## THE BESETTING SIN.

WE have a "sin that doth most easily beset us." How natural it is to do wrong! The good we must *acquire*, the evil we need only *desire*. Tares grow without cultivation. It is not because men *design* to be evil. Can you imagine that a man would strive to be a drunkard, a gambler, or an adulterer? Nay, men become such before they will confess it to themselves. They see no danger in the sparkling cup, the fascinating game, or the lustful appetite. How did they become its victims? They cannot tell us. They awake to their dreadful doom, helpless and speechless. The safest way to overcome temptation is not to fall into it. "Watch and pray, lest ye *enter* into temptation."

DR. MUNRO GIBSON says: "Many a small man is never done talking about the sacrifices he makes, but he is a great man, indeed, who can sacrifice everything and say nothing."

## THE PROGRESS OF PROTESTANT MISSIONS.

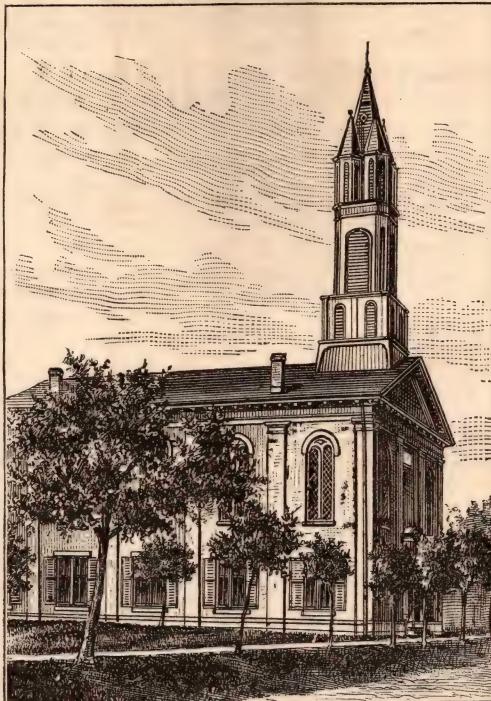
| Missionary Societies in the whole World, . . . . . | 1800.     | 1885.       |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| Ordained Missionaries, . . . . .                   | 7         | 180         |
| Ordained Natives, . . . . .                        | 170       | 2,750       |
| Native Helpers, . . . . .                          |           | 2,350       |
| Communicants, . . . . .                            |           | 26,000      |
| Adherents, . . . . .                               | 50,000    | 650,000     |
| Schools, . . . . .                                 | 7         | 12,000      |
| Scholars, . . . . .                                | 100       | 500,000     |
| Translations of the Bible, . . . . .               | 50        | 320         |
| Yearly Cost, . . . . .                             | \$250,000 | \$9,000,000 |

NOTE.—1. Besides *ordained* missionaries, there are also many others, such as wives, teachers and physicians.

2. *Helpers* are such as native teachers, catechists, Bible-readers and tract distributors.

3. *Adherents* are those who believe in Christianity but have not yet been baptized.

4. There are not 320 distinct languages in the world. Many of these translations of the Bible are only dialects or variations from the main tongue.



REFORMED CHURCH, MIFFLINBURG, PA.

REV. A. C. WHITMER, PASTOR.

The Synod of the United States met in this Church last October.

## Church Sociability.

BE social. A young man comes to your church; he is a perfect stranger to a majority of those he meets; his home is far away; his church he has left behind. He listens attentively to the service; and is pleased and profited by what he hears. The service over, he goes out. Although many know him to be a stranger, yet no one extends the friendly hand or in any way notices him. He is somewhat discouraged; a little home-sickness steals over him, but he resolves to go there once more. He goes, with the same result. Discouraged, he seeks another sanctuary, where the warm grasp of the hand, information about the evening meeting, invitation to the Sunday-school, and the interest taken by the members of the church in his welfare, at once decides his course. The result is a zealous worker is gained by one church and lost by another, and simply because the young men were social. Young men and young women of our churches, never let a stranger go away without notice; never

let that chilling feeling of loneliness come over any person in the house of God. It should be your pleasure to make every stranger at home. Try it, and your reward will be speedy.

FOR the rosebud's break of beauty  
Along the toiler's way;  
For the violet's eye that opens  
To bless the new-born day;  
For the bare twigs that in summer  
Bloom like the prophet's rod;  
For the blossoming of flowers,  
I thank Thee, O my God.

—Lucy Larcom.

It is believed that the number of Christians in India, Ceylon, and Burmah increased two hundred thousand in the year 1880. Let our hearts be still more encouraged to labor and to sing, "Fly abroad, thou mighty gospel!"

# NOVEMBER,

11th Month, 30 Days.

1886.

| Weeks and Days. | Remarkable Days.  | Daily Bible Lessons. | Moon R & S | Moon's Place. | Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter. | S. Sun fs. rises | Sun sets. | HIGH WATER Phila. |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------|---|------------------|-----------|-------------------|
|                 |                   |                      | h. m. s.   | a.            |   | m. h.            | m. h. m.  | m. h.             |
| Monday          | 1 All Saints      | 1 John 1: 2:         | 9 59       | 13            | ♀ rises 6 6   | 16 6             | 50 5 10   | 5 15              |
| Tuesday         | 2 Victorinus      | " 3:                 | 10 47      | 25            | Regulus rises 12 24                                 | 16 6             | 51 5 9    | 6 9               |
| Wednesday       | 3 Pirminius       | " 4:                 | 11 33      | 7             | 3d. ♀ stationary                                    | 16 6             | 52 5 8    | 6 51              |
| Thursday        | 4 John A. Bengel  | " 5:                 | morn.      | 20            | ☽ ♀ rises 11 12                                     | 16 6             | 53 5 7    | 7 40              |
| Friday          | 5 Hans Egede      | 2 John               | 12 34      | 3             | ☽ in apo.   | 16 6             | 54 5 6    | 8 26              |
| Saturday        | 6 Gustav. Adolph. | 3 John               | 1 32       | 16            | ☽ sets 7 28   | 16 6             | 56 5 4    | 9 10              |

45] 3d Sunday before Advent. Matt. 24: 15-28; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18. Day's Length, 10 hours, 4 min.

|           |                    |                  |         |    |                                 |      |        |       |
|-----------|--------------------|------------------|---------|----|---------------------------------|------|--------|-------|
| Sunday    | 7 Willibrord       | Rev. 1:          | 2 30    | 0  | ♂. Sirius rises 10 47           | 16 6 | 58 5 2 | 9 56  |
| Monday    | 8 Willehad         | " 2:             | 3 28    | 15 | Orion rises 8 43                | 16 6 | 59 5 1 | 10 42 |
| Tuesday   | 9 John v. Staupitz | " 3:             | 4 30    | 0  | ☽ ♀ rises 10 54                 | 16 7 | 0 5 0  | 11 31 |
| Wednesday | 10 Martin Luther   | " 4; 5; 6:       | 5 32    | 15 | ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. South           | 16 7 | 14 59  | 12 24 |
| Thursday  | 11 Martin of Tours | " 7; 8; 9: 1-12  | ☽ rises | 0  | 11th. 7* <sub>south</sub> 12 37 | 16 7 | 2 4 58 | 1 17  |
| Friday    | 12 Phil. de Mornay | " 9: 13; 10; 11: | 6 32    | 16 | ☽ ♀ rises 6 43                  | 16 7 | 3 4 57 | 2 7   |
| Saturday  | 13 Arcadius        | " 12; 13:        | 7 29    | 1  | ♀ gr. Elong. East               | 16 7 | 4 4 56 | 2 55  |

46] 2d Sunday before Advent. Matt. 25: 31-46; 1 Thess. 1: 3-10. Day's Length, 9 hours, 50 min.

|           |                     |               |       |    |                    |      |        |      |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------|-------|----|--------------------|------|--------|------|
| Sunday    | 14 Pet. Mart. Verm. | Rev. 14: 1-13 | 8 30  | 15 | ♀ sets 5 49        | 15 7 | 54 55  | 3 41 |
| Monday    | 15 John Kepler      | " 14: 14      | 9 32  | 0  | Altair sets 10 49  | 15 7 | 64 54  | 4 30 |
| Tuesday   | 16 Casp. Creuziger  | " 15:         | 10 37 | 13 | 6 ☽ ♀ rises 10 20  | 15 7 | 74 53  | 5 14 |
| Wednesday | 17 Bernward         | " 16: 1-8     | 11 39 | 26 | ☽ sets 7 2         | 15 7 | 84 52  | 6 6  |
| Thursday  | 18 Greg. Illuminat. | " 16: 9-21    | morn. | 9  | 18th. ♀ Neptune ☽  | 14 7 | 94 51  | 6 57 |
| Friday    | 19 Elizab. of Hesse | " 17:         | 12 40 | 27 | Formal south 6 9   | 14 7 | 104 50 | 7 42 |
| Saturday  | 20 John Williams    | " 18:         | 1 41  | 4  | Regulus rises 7 20 | 14 7 | 114 49 | 8 32 |

47] 1st Sunday before Advent. Matt. 25: 1-13; 2 Peter 3: 3-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 36 min.

|           |                     |                   |        |    |                            |      |        |       |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|----|----------------------------|------|--------|-------|
| Sunday    | 21 Columbanus       | Rev. 19: 1-10     | 2 44   | 16 | ☽ in Per. ♀.               | 14 7 | 124 48 | 9 24  |
| Monday    | 22 J. Oecolampadius | " 19: 11; 20: 1-3 | 3 48   | 28 | 6 ☽ ♀ rises 3 40 morn.     | 13 7 | 124 48 | 10 23 |
| Tuesday   | 23 Clemens Roman    | " 20: 4-15        | 4 49   | 10 | ♀ stationary. ☽ enters ♀   | 13 7 | 134 47 | 11 21 |
| Wednesday | 24 John Knox        | " 21: 1-8         | 5 40   | 22 | ☽ rises 9 41               | 13 7 | 144 46 | 12 19 |
| Thursday  | 25 Catharine        | " 21: 9; 22:      | ☽ sets | 4  | 25th. 6 ☽ ♀.               | 13 7 | 154 45 | 1 18  |
| Friday    | 26 Conrad           | Psalm 96:         | 5 42   | 16 | ☽ 6 ☽ ♀. Sirius rises 9 26 | 13 7 | 164 44 | 1 58  |
| Saturday  | 27 Marg't Blaurer   | " 145:            | 6 29   | 28 | Orion rises 7 12           | 12 7 | 174 43 | 2 42  |

48] 1st Sunday in Advent. Matt. 21: 8-11; Rom. 13: 11-14. Day's Length, 9 hours, 26 min.

|         |                   |                |      |    |                    |      |        |      |
|---------|-------------------|----------------|------|----|--------------------|------|--------|------|
| Sunday  | 28 Alex. Roussell | John 1: 1-14   | 7 20 | 10 | 6 ☽ ♀. ♀ sets 6 50 | 12 7 | 174 43 | 3 31 |
| Monday  | 29 Saturninus     | Gen. 2: 4-25   | 8 11 | 22 | Arietis south 9 38 | 12 7 | 184 42 | 4 20 |
| Tuesday | 30 St. Andrew     | Matt. 19: 1-12 | 8 58 | 4  | Altair sets 9 50   | 11 7 | 184 42 | 4 59 |

### MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 3d, 12 o'clock, 5 minutes, afternoon.  
 Full Moon, 11th, 2 " 6 " afternoon.  
 Last Quarter, 18th, 5 " 40 " afternoon.  
 New Moon, 25th, 2 " 18 " afternoon.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, 4, mild; 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, rain; 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, rain or snow; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, changeable; 19, 20, fair; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, 26, clear; 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, cold.

# NOVEMBER

## LAZY CHRISTIANS.

There are some in every church who are willing to work, and do work. You hear of them among the poor and sick; you find them in the prayer-meeting, and see them in all church activities. They are always willing to do more than their part. You can rely upon them every time. But many professors seem surprised that you should expect any work from them. They come into church to enjoy religion, not to help others to be saved, not to work. As for visiting the sick, feeding the poor, gathering in destitute children, or speaking to the unsaved, they never try it, "have no gifts for it," and so pay their money, hear the sermon, enjoy the singing, try to be respectable, and call that religious living, without making a personal endeavor to do good from one year's end to another.

It is surprising what easy Christians some men make. A set of merchants who can run a bank or mill, and make trade pay, and know how to manage corporations, will let a church run down for the want of a little religious enterprise, and very likely call upon the women and children to help them out. A community of Christian farmers, who know how to improve stock and make a farm pay, who, on hard soil, will get a good living, and keep their own house neat and trim, will let the house of God become shabby, and the church die out, because as farmers they work, but as Christians they do not work. What our churches and our committees most need is not more talent, or more truth, or more money, or more opportunities, but downright and upright earnest work.

PATIENT, trusting humility is the crowning Christian grace; but for the want of it, how often has Jesus occasion to rebuke us?



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## IMPOSSIBLE THINGS.

To bring back a single moment of time.  
To escape trouble by running away from duty.

To reach the pinnacle of success without climbing the hill difficulty.

To be a faithful, earnest Christian without prayer and Bible study.  
To be good without doing good.

## MONEY CAN'T DO IT.

THERE are some things that money cannot buy. It can get you a big house, and a carriage, and costly silks and furs, and jewels. It can bring you power, and power is sweet. But it cannot buy you love; it cannot buy you a happy home; it cannot buy content nor sunshine in the heart; it cannot buy you peace with God; it cannot save your soul, nor that of your child. Without

these, what is your money worth? With these, what great difference does it make whether you have money or not? The regeneration of a single child in your household is worth more than all the money you have got, be it ever so much.

## WHICH DID YOU JOIN?

"WHEN you came into this flock, did you join the preacher or the church?" asked a friend of one who ceased to attend his church because of a change of pastors. That is a novel way of putting it, and it may attract the attention of some who, because of such changes in the pastoral office, have grown indifferent to church duties. You joined the church, and not the pastor, and, however you may regard him, you should stand firm to the church. The more unworthy the pastor, the more important it is that you do your best to advance the interest of the church.

## DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1886.

| Weeks and Days. | Remarkable Days.   | Daily Bible Lessons. | Moon R & S<br>h. m. s. | Moon's Place.<br>a. | Aspects of Planets,<br>and other Miscellaneous Matter. | s. fs. rises. | Sun. sets. | Sun. Phila.<br>m. h. m. h. m. | HIGH<br>WATER |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--|---------------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Wednesday       | 1 Eligius          | Eph. 5: 22-33        | 10 10                  | 16                  | ☿ rises 9 0  | 11 7          | 19 4       | 41                            | 5 41          |
| Thursday        | 2 John Ruysbroek   | 1 Cor. 7:            | 11 29                  | 26                  | Regulus rises 6 20                                     | 11 7          | 19 4       | 41                            | 6 30          |
| Friday          | 3 Gerhard Groot    | Gen. 3:              | morn.                  | 12                  | ☽ 3d. ☽ apo. ☿ ♀ ☽ Super.                              | 10 7          | 20 4       | 40                            | 7 12          |
| Saturday        | 4 Gerh. v. Zütphen | " 8: 15-9: 17        | 12 25                  | 26                  | ☽ 24 rises 2 54  | 10 7          | 20 4       | 40                            | 7 34          |

49] 2d Sunday in Advent.

Luke 21: 25-33; Rom. 15: 4-13.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 min.

|           |                    |                |         |    |                       |     |      |    |       |
|-----------|--------------------|----------------|---------|----|-----------------------|-----|------|----|-------|
| Sunday    | 5 Crispin          | Acts 17: 15-34 | 1 29    | 9  | ♀ in ♈. ♈.            | 9 7 | 21 4 | 39 | 8 40  |
| Monday    | 6 Nicholas         | Gen. 15:       | 2 39    | 23 | ☽ sets 6 40           | 9 7 | 22 4 | 38 | 9 25  |
| Tuesday   | 7 Paulus Odontius  | Deut. 5:       | 3 43    | 8  | Orion rises 6 28      | 8 7 | 22 4 | 38 | 10 8  |
| Wednesday | 8 Mart. Rinkard    | Exodus 12:     | 4 12    | 23 | ☿ rises 8 31          | 8 7 | 23 4 | 37 | 10 56 |
| Thursday  | 9 Benj. Schmolek   | Deut. 27:      | 4 48    | 8  | Aldebaran south 11 22 | 8 7 | 23 4 | 37 | 11 42 |
| Friday    | 10 Paul Eber       | Romans 7:      | 5 58    | 23 | ☽ 7* south 10 32      | 7 7 | 23 4 | 37 | 12 31 |
| Saturday  | 11 Hen. v. Zütphen | Leviticus 16:  | ☽ rises | 9  | ☽ 11th. ♀ rises 2 4   | 7 7 | 24 4 | 36 | 1 22  |

50] 3d Sunday in Advent.

Matt. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.

|           |                        |                 |       |    |                             |     |      |    |      |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|-------|----|-----------------------------|-----|------|----|------|
| Sunday    | 12 Vicelin             | Is. 40: John 5: | 6 20  | 23 | ☿ rises 8 1                 | 6 7 | 24 4 | 36 | 1 59 |
| Monday    | 13 Odilia              | 1 Peter 1: 3-12 | 7 26  | 7  | ☽ stationary. ☽ ♀ rises 1 3 | 6 7 | 24 4 | 36 | 2 43 |
| Tuesday   | 14 Dioscorus           | 2 Samuel 7:     | 8 36  | 22 | ☽ gr. Hel. Lat. North       | 5 7 | 25 4 | 35 | 3 31 |
| Wednesday | 15 Ember Day           | Joel 3:         | 9 40  | 4  | ☽ in Per. Spica rises 2 22  | 5 7 | 25 4 | 35 | 4 26 |
| Thursday  | 16 Adelheid            | Jeremiah 23:    | 10 49 | 18 | ☽ sets 6 34                 | 4 7 | 25 4 | 35 | 4 56 |
| Friday    | 17 Sturm               | " 31:           | 11 53 | 1  | ☽ 7 46                      | 4 7 | 25 4 | 35 | 5 17 |
| Saturday  | 18 Louis v. Seckendorf | Isa. 52: 13-53: | morn. | 13 | ☽ 18th. Regulus 5 30        | 3 7 | 25 4 | 35 | 5 49 |

51] 4th Sunday in Advent.

John 1: 19-34; Phil. 4: 4-7.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.

|           |                       |                   |        |    |                               |       |      |    |       |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------|----|-------------------------------|-------|------|----|-------|
| Sunday    | 19 Clem. Alexandrinus | John 3: 23-33     | 12 18  | 25 | Αrietis south 7 18            | 3 7   | 25 4 | 35 | 7 50  |
| Monday    | 20 Abraham            | Isaiah 42:        | 1 29   | 7  | ☽ ☽ ♀. ♀ rises 1 3            | 2 7   | 25 4 | 35 | 7 59  |
| Tuesday   | 21 Thomas             | " 49:             | 2 35   | 19 | ☽ enters ♈. Shortest Day      | 2 7   | 25 4 | 34 | 9 10  |
| Wednesday | 22 Hugh McKail        | " 55:             | 3 37   | 0  | ☽ gr. Elong. w. Winter Begins | 1 7   | 25 4 | 35 | 10 16 |
| Thursday  | 23 Anna du Bourg      | " 58:             | 4 43   | 12 | ☽ rises 6 40. ☽ ♀             | 1 7   | 25 4 | 35 | 11 20 |
| Friday    | 24 Adam and Eve       | " 11: 1-10        | 5 58   | 24 | ☽ 7 15                        | Sun 7 | 25 4 | 35 | 12 22 |
| Saturday  | 25 Christmas          | " 9: 2-7; Heb. 1: | ☽ sets | 6  | ☽ 25th. ☽ ♀                   | 7     | 25 4 | 35 | 1 23  |

52] Sunday after Christmas.

Luke 2: 15-21; 2 Cor. 2: 8-17.

Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.

|           |                            |                                   |      |    |                         |     |      |    |      |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|----|-------------------------|-----|------|----|------|
| Sunday    | 26 Stephen                 | Luke 2: 15-20;<br>Matt. 28: 34-39 | 5 56 | 19 | 7* south 9 28           | 1 7 | 25 4 | 35 | 2 10 |
| Monday    | 27 St. John Evang.         | John 21: 19-24                    | 6 35 | 1  | ☽ ☽ ☽. ☽ rises 1 3      | 1 7 | 25 4 | 35 | 2 54 |
| Tuesday   | 28 Innocents               | Matt. 2: 13-18                    | 7 23 | 13 | Orion south 11 18       | 2 7 | 25 4 | 35 | 3 42 |
| Wednesday | 29 David                   | Isaiah 41:                        | 8 8  | 26 | Altair south 10 1       | 2 7 | 24 4 | 36 | 4 30 |
| Thursday  | 30 Christin' of Wurtemburg | " 49:                             | 8 59 | 9  | Sirius rises 8 2        | 3 7 | 24 4 | 36 | 5 12 |
| Friday    | 31 John Wielif             | Psalm 90:                         | 9 30 | 22 | ☽ in apo. ☽ rises 12 35 | 3 7 | 24 4 | 36 | 5 55 |

### MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 3d, 9 o'clock, 25 minutes, morning.

Full Moon, 11th, 4 " 30 " morning.

Last Quarter, 18th, 1 " 39 " morning.

New Moon, 25th, 4 " 54 " morning.

### CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, rain or snow; 7, 8, fair; 9, 10, cloudy; 11, 12, changeable; 13, 14, 15, 16, clear, cold; 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, 21, cold; 22, 23, variable, snow; 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, rain; 30, 31, variable.

♀ Venus is in Superior conjunction with the sun the 3d, and passes from Morning to Evening Star.

# DECEMBER

## HELPING THE MINISTER.

SOME people, apparently, expect their minister to fill his church with an attentive and appreciative audience, to write "smart" sermons, to be "social," to occupy a prominent position in public assemblies, to serve on committees, to "carry" the Sunday-school, to manage the choir,—in short, to do his own work and that of many drones; they, meanwhile, buzzing unjust criticism, disheartening censure. For those who are too wise to be numbered among such mischief-makers, the following suggestions are made as to helping the minister.

1. That the pastor may achieve the greatest success possible, all should rally around him as faithful yoke-fellows.

2. Bring the non-church-goers to the Lord's house, and treat them so kindly that they will become regular attendants.

3. Do what you can to fix the sermons of your pastor in your own mind, and in the minds of your fellow-worshippers.

4. Attend the social meetings regularly and do all in your power to make them interesting and profitable.

5. The keystone of divine service is worship. Help your minister, therefore, by maintaining in yourself and by assisting others to maintain the spirit of devotion.

## LOOK AT THE PREACHER.

*First*, because he is speaking to you. He speaks to all that are present. You do not drop your head or avert your face when a friend or any man speaks to you in the house, or on the street. Acknowledge by looking that you feel that you are spoken to. *Second*, because looking at him is a proper return, so far as it goes, for his pains to interest you. He puts himself into communication with you, and your attentive gaze at him is obedience to his virtual solicitation that you be in communication with him. It is simple justice. *Third*, it is politeness, too. You would call one rude and ill-mannered who should avert his face when you attempt to speak to him. Politeness in the social circle should go with you into the sanctuary.



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## CHRISTMAS.

GLORY to God! the angels are  
singing,  
Tidings of joy to men they  
bring;  
Bethlehem's plain with music is  
ringing,  
Jesus to-day is born a King.

Glory to God, O wonderful charm,  
Peace and good-will the angels  
sing,  
For unto you is born in the city,  
City of David, Christ a King.

Born to redeem, O mighty salva-  
tion,  
Jesus the Christ, O yes, it is He,  
Seated in glory, now we behold  
Him,  
Jesus the bright and morning  
star.

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A PARISHIONER, who was a dear friend, read his pastor a page from his life's history to this effect: When a small boy he gave his heart to Christ. He was engaged in a brickyard to carry clay, often on his head, for twenty-five cents a day. Then he vowed that one-tenth of his income he would give to his God. This he conscientiously did, and prosperity followed until he was worth \$10,000; and then the trial of his life came, in which he went down in financial disaster. He would not give one-tenth of \$10,000. Here his faith balked. He said, "After disaster had swept all away, I learned what I had not known before—that it is easier to give one-tenth of \$1.50 a week than of \$10,000." A man is truer to God who works for twenty-five cents a day, and has less temptations and more strength to meet them, whose income is \$6 a month, than \$833 $\frac{1}{3}$ . He regained wealth, but it was in strict compliance with the vow of his youth, which his disaster enabled him to fulfil until his death.

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THE last month, the last week, the last day, and the last hour in the year 1886! How have all the months, weeks, days and hours of this year been spent? Who would like to review them? Doubtless such a review would make every one feel that his or her life has been indeed misspent.

## Missionary Work in Japan

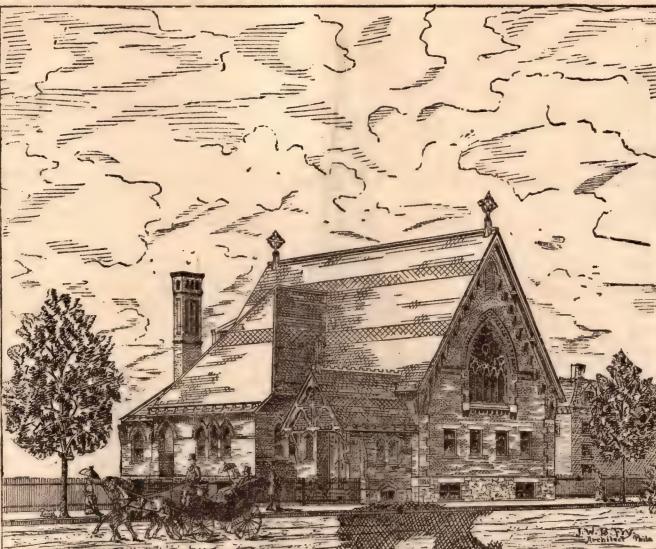
1. *Statistics.* Eighteen Societies have nearly 200 missionaries there (male and female), besides 50 ordained native pastors. Of the 100 congregations, nearly one-fourth are self-supporting. The number of members is now 5,000.

2. *Hindrances.* The Government is not yet committed to Christianity. The country is not fully open to foreigners. The language is very difficult. The native priests have become greatly aroused against Christianity, and publicly oppose it by lectures and tracts. Infidels are very actively scattering their poison by means of lectures, books and papers.

3. *Encouragements.* The Government really favors Christianity. It has turned the cold shoulder to the native religions by abolishing the official priesthood, which simply means that church and state are now separate, taking away from the priests all Government aid. Then, too, the Government in many ways really helps and encourages missionary work. Many leading men, statesmen, editors and scholars, favor Christianity, not because they believe it religiously but because they think it the best religion for their civil good. Seeing that it is the religion of the leading nations of the earth, they want it for Japan. Then, too, many leading Japanese papers favor Christianity, and scatter many helping facts in regard to it. The general spirit of the common people toward Christianity also is encouraging. They seem tired of the empty religion they have and are ready to take a better. The native Christians are very active and helpful in teaching Christianity to their neighbors and friends, and also very liberal in supporting their pastors and in all congregational work.

Again, Mission work in Japan is different from that of most countries. In India, Africa and elsewhere, missionaries must begin with the lowly, poor and humble classes; but in Japan they at once meet the upper classes, people of position, wealth and influence. When these are gained to Christianity, it is more easy to reach the rest than to work from below upward.

 GIVE as God has prospered you.



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## THE OATH.

EVERY child should early be taught the nature, meaning and solemnity of the oath, because the decision of great matters often hangs upon the evidence of a child, and the weight of evidence may depend largely on whether the child really understands the force of an oath and the wickedness of perjury.

"A lawful oath is a calling upon God, as the only searcher of hearts, to bear witness to the truth and to punish me if I swear falsely."

This short and clear definition should be carefully committed to memory, and from this any one can see the

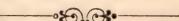
wickedness of swearing falsely, which is called perjury.

Perjury, or false swearing, is calling upon God to witness to a lie, and so we put Him on a level with the devil, a most dreadful sin.

How is the oath taken? When the officer who administers the oath has spoken it, you may assent to it, that is, make it your own, by kissing the Bible which he gives you. So you confess your belief in God, and declare your willingness to be judged by His law.

But the most beautiful and significant way of taking the oath is to swear with the uplifted hand as an appeal to God. This indeed is Scriptural (Gen. 14: 22; Dan. 12: 7). In Exodus 6: 8, "I did swear" means "lift up my hand" (Deut. 32: 40). Indeed, in Exodus 20: 7, "take" literally means "lift up," implying the lifting up of the hand in using God's name.

 As if we did not suffer enough from the storms which beat about us without, must we conspire also to harass one another?

 NOTHING is more desirable in the services of the sanctuary than good and appropriate music. To learn more about this, send for the new tract, "A Chat with Choir Singers about Hymn Tunes." It is for free distribution by the Reformed Church Publication Board, 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.



## NECROLOGY.

From September 1, 1884, to September 1, 1885.

**HENNEMAN, REV. JOHN CHARLES.**—Born in Harheusen, County Wisbaden, Nassau, June 4th, 1815. Educated at Mission House at Bremen, and Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa. Licensed and ordained June 6th, 1848. First charge in Westmoreland Classis, which he served three years. Resided at Punxatawny, Pa.; (2) Brown County, O., two years; (3) Columbus, O., four and a half years; (4) Beaver, Pike County, O. For the last ten years was without charge. Married Ann Amelia Wilfing, September 26th, 1848, who, with three children survives him. Died September 14th, 1884; aged 69 years, 3 months, and 10 days; buried at Beaver, O.

**KING, REV. HENRY.**—Son of John and Catherine (Baum) King, born in Rockingham County, Va., October 23d, 1801. Parents removed to Somerset, Perry County, O., in 1803. Studied under Rev. Geo. Weiz. Licensed and ordained in 1825. His first charge was in Pickway and Ross Counties, O., nearly forty years; (2) Somerset Charge, Somerset, O., one year; (3) Baltimore, O., twelve years; (4) Bremen, O.; (5) Stoutsville, O., one year. He then removed to Baltimore, O., and until the day of his death was without charge. Married Magdalena Drum, December 13th, 1825, who, with two sons and seven daughters survives him. Died from an injury, January 25th, 1884; aged 82 years, 3 weeks and 2 days; buried at Baltimore, O.

**FRITCHY, REV. JOHN G.**—Born near Harrisburg, Pa., February 7th, 1802. Prepared at Sandy Hollow. Was the first student at the opening of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Carlisle, Pa. Licensed and ordained in 1828. First charge, Lincoln, N. C., twelve years; (2) Mechanicsburg, Pa.; (3) East Berlin, Pa.; (4) Taneytown, Md., thirteen years; (5) Supplied congregations around Lancaster, Pa. Died at Lancaster, Pa., March 12th, 1885; aged 83 years, 1 month, 5 days.

**HENRY, REV. AUSTIN.**—Born near W. Alexandria, O., August 17th, 1845. Entered Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., 1864, and graduated June, 1870; entered the Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O., leaving it in two years. Licensed and ordained, 1872. First charge, Kinnick-kinnick, O., ten years; (2) Winchester Charge, his last pastorate. Married E. Ione O'Conner, December 26th, 1872, who, with a son survives him. Died at Canal Winchester, O.; aged 39 years, 7 months and 16 days; buried at Canal Winchester, O.

**EICHEN, REV. JOHN.**—Born in the Grand Duchy of Baden, December 15th, 1821. Studied under Rev. Max Stern, D. D. Licensed and ordained in 1857. First charge, Crestline, O.; (2) Linton, Ind.; (3) Lanesville, Ind.; (4) Linton, Ind.; (5)

Lanesville, Ind.; (6) Olney, Ills., his last pastorate. Died at Olney, Ills.; aged 63 years, 3 months and 27 days; buried at Linton, Ind.

**BROWN, REV. ISAAC GETZ.**—Son of William and Magdalene (Getz) Brown, born near East Buffalo, Union County, Pa., August 14th, 1828. Graduated at Marshall College and Theological Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa. Licensed and ordained in 1857. First charge, Mercersburg, Pa., twenty-five years; (2) Wichita, Kans., his last pastorate. Married Elizabeth M. Loose, May 20th, 1862, who, with one daughter and three sons survives him. Died at Wichita, Kans., May 7th, 1885; buried at Wichita, Kans.

**WINTERS, D. D., REV. DAVID.**—Son of Rev. Thos. and Susannah (Flegle) Winters, born at Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 24th, 1801. Removed with his father to Ohio, in 1809. Studied with his father, Germantown, O. Licensed and ordained in 1824. First charge, around Dayton, O.; (2) Organized First Reformed Church, Dayton, O., which he served seventeen years; (3) Mt. Zion, near Dayton, O., thirty years, his last pastorate. Married Anna Maria Recher, who died December 12th, 1823, and again married Mary Ann Huffman, who died a few weeks after he did. Four sons and two daughters survive them. Died May 9th, 1885; aged 83 years, 4 months and 15 days; buried at Dayton, O.

**RUHL, M. D., REV. JOHN.**—Son of John and Mrs. Ruhl, born at 1ba, Kurfuerstenthum Hessen, Germany, May 4th, 1821. Came to America in 1836. Studied under Revs. Isaac Shelhammer and John W. Hamm. Licensed and ordained in 1845. First charge in Medina and Summit Counties, O., two years; (2) Congress, O., three years; (3) Akron, O., two years; (4) Defiance, O., six years; (5) Basil, O., four years, and in 1860 removed to Defiance, O., and studied and pursued the practice of medicine, on account of affection of throat; (6) Frostburg, Md., sixteen years, his last pastorate. Married Sarah Hamm, who, with an only daughter, survives him. Died May 25th, 1885; aged 64 years and 25 days; buried at Frostburg, Md.

**BOSSARD, Ph. D., REV. J.**—Born in Basel, Switzerland, July 25th, 1815. Educated in schools of his native city. Received July 4th, 1841, from University at Basel, the degree of Ph. D. Came to America in 1847. Was professor in Marshall College and also prosecuted his Theological Studies in the Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa. Was licensed and ordained in 1848. First charge, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; (2) Emanuel Church, Sheboygan, Wis.; (3) One of the founders, and professor in Sheboygan Missionary Institute for 25 years. Married Catharine Sophia Blomker, who, with eight children survives him. Died July 18th, 1885; aged 67 years and 24 days; buried at Plymouth, Wis.

## STATISTICS OF THE MISSIONS UNDER THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD FOR THE YEARS 1884-85.

| LOCATION OF MISSIONS.                    | Congregations <sup>g</sup> |                |           |            |         | Benevolence. | Congrega-<br>tional<br>Purposes. | Value of<br>Property. | Indebtedness | Reduction of<br>Indebtedness | MISSIONARIES.         |
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|  | Members.                   | S. S. Scholars | Baptisms. | Additions. | Losses. |              |                                  |                       |              |                              |                       |
| <b>Pennsylvania.</b> —Easton—Grace Ch.   | 1 107                      | 115            | 16        | 12         | 5       | \$43 00      | \$700 00                         | \$4000 00             | .....        | .....                        | D. Y. Heisler, D. D.  |
| Catasauqua                               | 1 170                      | 220            | 12        | 20         | 14      | 50 00        | 450 00                           | 10,000 00             | .....        | .....                        | J. J. Crist.          |
| Stroudsburg                              | 1 45                       | 60             | .....     | .....      | .....   | 50 00        | 2000 00                          | 8000 00               | 1400 00      | .....                        | G. W. Kershner.       |
| Reading                                  | 1 124                      | 311            | 14        | 36         | 3       | 31 00        | 675 00                           | 6700 00               | 3000 00      | .....                        | C. S. Gerhard.        |
| Philadelphia, West                       | 1 50                       | 60             | 2         | 4          | 2       | 100 00       | 570 00                           | 3270 00               | 3700 00      | 1130 00                      | Geo. H. Johnston.     |
| Harrisburg                               | 1 119                      | 200            | 12        | 17         | 9       | 114 00       | 2046 00                          | 9000 00               | 800 00       | .....                        | G. W. Snyder.         |
| Harrisburg                               | 1 72                       | 40             | 6         | 21         | 1       | 10 00        | 545 00                           | 8000 00               | 1200 00      | .....                        | J. Kuelling, D. D.    |
| Steelton                                 | 1 30                       | .....          | .....     | .....      | .....   | 25 00        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | Supplied.             |
| Lock Haven                               | 2 160                      | 225            | 8         | 18         | 12      | 56 00        | 911 00                           | 8000 00               | 112 00       | 512 00                       | G. W. Gerhard.        |
| Williamsport                             | 1 108                      | 100            | 4         | 34         | 4       | 50 00        | 3400 00                          | 10,750 00             | 1800 00      | .....                        | D. H. Leader.         |
| Wilkinsburg—E. End                       | 2 118                      | 155            | 9         | 13         | 7       | 40 00        | 400 00                           | 3000 00               | 200 00       | 400 00                       | M. F. Frank.          |
| Orbisonia                                | 3 103                      | 60             | 7         | 10         | 11      | 38 00        | .....                            | 3500 00               | 50 00        | .....                        | N. F. Peters.         |
| Mann's Choice                            | 3 238                      | 105            | 12        | 9          | 3       | .....        | 220 00                           | 3000 00               | .....        | .....                        | S. C. Long.           |
| Duncannon                                | 3 131                      | 140            | 6         | 10         | 4       | 80 00        | .....                            | 6000 00               | .....        | .....                        | J. R. Lewis.          |
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| Latrobe                                  | 2 125                      | 90             | 10        | 3          | .....   | .....        | 225 00                           | 10,000 00             | 400 00       | 345 00                       | C. M. Hartzell.       |
| Overton                                  | 3 180                      | 75             | 24        | 23         | 3       | 47 00        | 330 00                           | 2000 00               | 150 00       | .....                        | C. M. Mutschler.      |
| New Castle                               | 1 57                       | 35             | 6         | 8          | .....   | .....        | 4000 00                          | .....                 | 880 00       | .....                        | J. W. Miller.         |
| Marietta                                 | 1 131                      | 145            | 22        | 13         | 14      | 26 00        | 398 00                           | 3000 00               | .....        | .....                        | D. B. Schneder.       |
| Bangor—No report                         | 3 111                      | .....          | .....     | .....      | .....   | .....        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | J. G. Neff.           |
| Somerset                                 | 3 185                      | 80             | 4         | 6          | 4       | 120 00       | 425 00                           | 3000 00               | .....        | .....                        | H. King.              |
| Tionesta—No report                       | 3 111                      | .....          | .....     | .....      | .....   | .....        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | Vacant.               |
| Dubois                                   | 2 60                       | 70             | 6         | 6          | .....   | .....        | 6500 00                          | 500 00                | .....        | .....                        | W. M. Andrews.        |
| Houtzdale                                | 1 48                       | 25             | 19        | 6          | .....   | 16 00        | 165 00                           | 1200 00               | 310 00       | .....                        | C. W. E. Siegel.      |
| Hyndman                                  | 4 225                      | 130            | 6         | 25         | 16      | 69 00        | 620 00                           | 4000 00               | 160 00       | 240 00                       | C. H. Reiter.         |
| McKeesport                               | 2 98                       | 94             | 16        | 24         | .....   | 28 00        | 870 00                           | 6000 00               | 140 00       | .....                        | H. D. Darbaker.       |
| Scottsdale                               | 1 57                       | 55             | 7         | 18         | 2       | 60 00        | 506 00                           | 4500 00               | .....        | .....                        | H. S. Garner.         |
| Clear Ridge                              | 3 102                      | 90             | 15        | 20         | 4       | 46 00        | .....                            | 1700 00               | 263 00       | .....                        | D. G. Klein.          |
| Lansdale                                 | 1 60                       | 200            | 1         | 1          | .....   | 10 00        | .....                            | 5500 00               | 1800 00      | .....                        | J. J. Rothrock.       |
| Sharon                                   | 1 154                      | 80             | 10        | 34         | 26      | 41 00        | 512 00                           | 3000 00               | .....        | .....                        | E. E. Gruenstein.     |
| <b>Maryland.</b> —Baltimore              | 1 41                       | 90             | 3         | 42         | 1       | 22 00        | 368 00                           | 5000 00               | .....        | .....                        | E. R. Deatrick.       |
| Ridgely                                  | 3 85                       | 40             | 8         | 16         | 6       | 37 00        | .....                            | 150 00                | 3000 00      | .....                        | C. W. Levan.          |
| <b>Delaware.</b> —Wyoming                | 1 108                      | 89             | 9         | 10         | 2       | 23 00        | 204 00                           | 5000 00               | 1700 00      | .....                        | S. F. Laury.          |
| Wilmington                               | 1 20                       | .....          | .....     | .....      | .....   | .....        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | C. W. Levan.          |
| <b>Virginia.</b> —Winchester             | 3 138                      | 125            | 8         | 27         | 6       | 42 00        | 390 00                           | 5000 00               | .....        | .....                        | S. L. Whitmore.       |
| Middlebrook—No report                    | .....                      | .....          | .....     | .....      | .....   | .....        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | Vacant.               |
| Mt. Jackson                              | 3 145                      | 50             | 5         | 13         | 3       | 37 50        | 400 00                           | 6500 00               | 300 00       | 100 00                       | G. A. Whitmore.       |
| Harrisville                              | 1 150                      | 80             | 8         | 3          | 6       | 67 00        | 335 00                           | 1500 00               | 67 00        | .....                        | E. Welty, M. D.       |
| Mint Spring—No report                    | .....                      | .....          | .....     | .....      | .....   | .....        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | Vacant.               |
| Timberville                              | 2 141                      | 65             | 8         | 15         | 1       | 30 00        | 280 00                           | 3000 00               | 100 00       | .....                        | C. W. Summey.         |
| <b>District of Columbia.</b> —Washington | 1 90                       | 56             | 12        | 26         | .....   | 80 00        | 400 00                           | 18,000 00             | .....        | .....                        | C. F. Sontag.         |
| <b>North Carolina.</b> —Concord          | 1 25                       | 30             | .....     | .....      | .....   | .....        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | J. H. Cecil.          |
| Lincolnton                               | 1 180                      | 80             | 10        | 15         | .....   | .....        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | J. O. Foil.           |
| Newton                                   | 1 25                       | .....          | .....     | .....      | .....   | .....        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | J. C. Clapp.          |
| Blowing Rock                             | 1 225                      | 250            | 162       | 17         | .....   | 150 00       | 700 00                           | 5000 00               | .....        | .....                        | J. Ingle.             |
| <b>New York.</b> —New York               | 1 26                       | 30             | 2         | 3          | .....   | 37 00        | 96 00                            | 3500 00               | .....        | .....                        | F. Fox.               |
| <b>Kansas.</b> —Emporia                  | 2 55                       | 115            | 2         | 23         | .....   | 5 00         | 1285 00                          | 2500 00               | .....        | .....                        | D. B. Shuey.          |
| Wichita                                  | 2 40                       | 30             | 4         | 9          | 3       | 4 00         | 385 00                           | 250 00                | .....        | .....                        | I. G. Brown, dec'd.   |
| Iola                                     | 2 70                       | 75             | 10        | 18         | 9       | 9 00         | 239 00                           | 500 00                | .....        | .....                        | S. A. Alt.            |
| Abilene                                  | 2 38                       | 50             | 4         | 2          | .....   | .....        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | T. F. Stauffer.       |
| <b>Nebraska.</b> —Lincoln                | 1 70                       | 57             | .....     | .....      | .....   | .....        | .....                            | 8000 00               | .....        | .....                        | E. Erb.               |
| <b>California.</b> —San Francisco        | 1 64                       | 40             | 18        | 5          | .....   | .....        | 395 00                           | 2000 00               | .....        | .....                        | L. D. Leberman.       |
| Salem                                    | 2 38                       | 40             | 10        | 9          | .....   | 47 00        | 250 00                           | 4500 00               | 700 00       | 50 00                        | D. D. Leberman.       |
| West Union                               | 1 32                       | 5              | 12        | 2          | .....   | .....        | 69 00                            | 400 00                | .....        | .....                        | G. W. Mechtersheimer. |
| Stafford                                 | 3 80                       | 45             | 15        | 30         | 12      | 20 00        | 300 00                           | 2000 00               | .....        | .....                        | R. Schiedt.           |
| <b>Washington Territory.</b> —Seattle    | 1 37                       | 50             | 12        | 15         | 12      | 20 00        | 295 00                           | 2500 00               | 440 00       | 300 00                       | J. Muellhaupt.        |
| Iowa                                     | 2 41                       | 109            | 3         | 11         | .....   | 88 00        | 305 00                           | 2100 00               | .....        | .....                        | H. Stauss.            |
| Pleasant Valley                          | 1 40                       | 30             | 3         | 7          | .....   | 50 00        | 115 00                           | 1500 00               | .....        | .....                        | J. Lange.             |
| Wilton                                   | 1 38                       | 50             | 5         | 23         | 22      | 60 00        | 1025 00                          | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | Gotfried Graedel.     |
| <b>South America.</b> —Valparaiso, Chili | 1 25                       | 30             | 3         | 4          | .....   | .....        | .....                            | .....                 | .....        | .....                        | H. Bair.              |
| Missions: 64                             | 102 5323                   | 5162           | 606       | 755        | 251     | \$2014 00    | \$24,935 00                      | \$227,870 00          | \$20,162 00  | \$3077 00                    | Total.....58          |

## ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

| NAME.      | LOCATION.                     | SUPERINTENDENT.      | NUMBER OF ORPHANS. |
|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| BETHANY    | Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa. | REV. D. L. ALBRIGHT. | 70                 |
| ST. PAUL'S | Butler, Butler County, Pa.    | REV. P. C. PRUGH.    | 45                 |
| REFORMED   | Fort Wayne, Ind.              | REV. J. RETTIG.      | 30                 |

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## Rates on all Mailable Matter Between Points in the U. S.

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|   | Each oz. |
|---|----------|
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## A CONSTITUTION

## For Auxiliary Missionary Societies.

## NAME.

ART. 1. This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of the Reformed Church and Sunday-school at \_\_\_\_\_, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States.

## OBJECT.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to awaken interest in the cause of Missions; to diffuse missionary intelligence, and to secure regular weekly contributions, for the support of missions in the Reformed Church.

## OFFICERS.

ART. 3. The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected for the period of one year, and may be re-elected at the option of the Society.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

ART. 4. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings, and attend to such duties as do not interfere with the relations of the Pastor as President *ex-officio* and as hereafter defined.

ART. 5. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the transactions of the Society, and a roll of the membership.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all monies received and disbursed, to pay out all monies as directed by the Secretary, and to make a report to the Society at the end of the year.

## MEMBERSHIP.

ART. 7. The members of the Society shall consist of Sunday-school scholars and teachers, members of the Church, and friends, who shall contribute at least one cent per week; and each member shall be furnished with a certificate of membership, provided by the Board of Missions, with the name of its officers attached and the seal of the Board.

## MEETINGS.

ART. 8. There shall be monthly meetings of this Society either after divine services on Sunday, or at such other times as may be fixed on by resolution of the Society. These meetings in connection with the transaction of business claiming attention, may be social or devotional as may seem best calculated to promote the object of the Society. At the end of the year a missionary festival shall be held, at which, among other things, the Treasurer's report shall be made, an annual report of the progress and success of the Society shall be read by the President, missionary addresses delivered, and such other exercises observed as will tend to promote the cause of missions in the congregations.

## FUNDS.

ART. 9. The funds of the Society shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, established by the three Synods of the Reformed Church, the Synod of the United States, the Pittsburgh Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac.

## STANDING COMMITTEE.

ART. 10. A Standing Committee, of which the officers of the Society shall be members, shall consist of ten persons, who shall be elected annually by the Society. It shall be the duty of this Committee to interest the Society in the work of missions, to secure the names of new members, and to carry out any instructions which may be given by the Society.

## THE DUTIES OF THE PASTOR.

ART. 11. The pastor shall be President *ex-officio*, preside at the meetings of the Society whenever he shall deem it necessary; conduct all religious services, and in his absence appoint some one for that purpose, assist the members by his counsel, and endeavor to secure the co-operation of the members of the congregation.

## BY-LAWS.

ART. 12. By-Laws can be adopted by this Society to meet any wants which have not herein been provided for.

## PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH

From September 1st, 1884, to August 31st, 1885.

1884.

Sept. 11—Annual Meeting of the Eastern German Synod at Pittsburgh, Pa.

" 14—Laying of corner-stone of St. Paul's Church, Hamlin, Lebanon Co., Pa., Rev. H. J. Welker, Pastor.

" " Death of Rev. John Charles Henneman in Glade, O.

" 17—Annual Meeting of the Pittsburgh Synod, at Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

" 18—Laying of corner-stone of a new Church, near Millerstown, Blair Co., Pa., Rev. W. A. Long, Pastor.

Oct. 1—Annual Meeting of the Central Synod, Crestline, O.

" 5—Laying of the corner-stone of Grace Church, Kearneysville, W. Va., Rev. B. F. Bausmann, Pastor.

" " First Anniversary of the Reformed Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, Ind.

" 7—Dedication of the Reformed Orphans' Home, Fort Wayne, Ind., Rev. J. Rettig, Hausvater.

" 8—Annual Meeting of Synod of the United States, Pottstown, Pa.

" " Annual Meeting of the Synod of Ohio, Delaware, O.

" 15—Annual Meeting of Synod of the Potomac, Hanover, Pa.

Nov. 16—Dedication of Zion's Church, at Stroudsburg, Pa., Rev. G. W. Kerschner, Pastor.

" 23—Dedication of Church, Port Hope, Mich., Rev. E. Delorme, Pastor.

" 27—Dedication of Salem's Reformed Church, Beavertown, Blair Co., Pa., Rev. J. David Miller, Pastor.

Dec. 7—Death of William D. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod, and of Bethany Orphans' Home, West Philadelphia, Pa.

" 14—Dedication of Church at Elk Rapids, Mich., Rev. L. Brugger, Pastor.

" 21—Re-dedication of Church at Mifflinburg, Pa., Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Pastor.

1885.

Jan. 15—"The Heidelberg Catechism in English, and the Japanese Colloquial," by Rev. Ambrose D. Gring, one of our Missionaries to Japan, offered for sale in this country.

" " Dedication of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Chester Co., Pa., Rev. E. D. Wettach, Pastor.

" 25—Dedication of First Reformed Church, Tamaqua, Pa., Rev. I. E. Graeff, Pastor.

" " Death of Rev. H. King, Baltimore, O.

Feb. 2—Opening of Edgehill Family School, Littlestown, Pa., Rev. W. E. Krebs, Principal.

" 4—Organization of Schuylkill Classis, Pottsville, Pa.

March 8—Dedication of Church, Yellow Creek, Bedford Co., Pa., Rev. I. N. Peightal, Pastor.

" " Proposition made by Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, Martinsburg, W. Va., through *The Messenger*, that the Missionary Society of his congregation will be one of 100 societies, congregations or Sunday-schools, to give \$50 each, towards obtaining a school-building in Japan. The subscriptions to be paid to the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, by September 1st, 1885.

" 12—Death of Rev. J. G. Fritchey, Lancaster, Pa.

" 15—Dedication of Shenkle's Church, Chester Co., Pa., Rev. G. S. Sorber, Pastor.

" 29—Dedication of Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church, Henrietta, Pa., Rev. W. A. Long, Pastor.

April 2—Dedication of Church, Spring City, Pa., Rev. D. W. Ebbert, Pastor.

" 6—Death of Rev. A. Henry, Canal Winchester, O.

" 12—Death of Rev. J. Eichin, Olney, Ill.

" 19—Laying corner-stone of a new church, Woodberry, Md., Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Pastor.

" 22—Laying corner-stone of the new Heidelberg College-building, Tiffin, O.

May 7—Anniversary of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa. Eight graduates.

" " Death of Rev. I. G. Brown, Wichita, Kan.

" 9—Death of Rev. D. Winters, D. D., Dayton, O.

" 24—Laying corner-stone of Reformed Church (German), Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. J. F. H. Dieckmann, Pastor.

## PRINCIPAL EVENTS—CONTINUED.

1885.

May 25—Laying of corner-stone, St. Stephen's Reformed Church, Perkasie, Pa., Rev. J. G. Dengler, Pastor.  
 " 29—Death of Rev. J. Ruhl, M. D., Frostburg, Md.  
 " 31—Laying corner-stone of the chapel of the Reformed Church of the Strangers, W. Phila., Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, Pastor.

June 1—Death of Rev. J. Bossard, Ph. D., President of Mission House, Sheboygan, Wis.  
 " 7—Dedication of Reformed Church, Buckeystown, Md., Rev. A. J. Heller, Pastor. . . . Dedication of St. John's Church, Williamsport, Pa., Rev. D. H. Leader, Pastor.  
 " 14—Laying of corner-stone of a new church, at Pinehall, Centre Co., Pa., Rev. W. H. Groh, Pastor.  
 " 15—Issue of Historic Manual of the Reformed Church in the United States, by Rev. Jos. H. Dubbs, D. D., Lancaster, Pa.  
 " 16—Donation of \$10,000 to F. and M. College, by Chas. Santee, Esq., Phila., Pa.  
 " 17—Laying corner-stone of Reformed Church, Meyersdale, Pa., Rev. J. M. Schick, Pastor.  
 " 18—Annual Commencement of F. and M. College, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. T. G. Apple, President. Twenty-four graduates. . . . Annual Commencement of Mercersburg College, Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, President.  
 " 23—Closing Exercises of Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rimerburg, Pa., Rev. W. W. Deatrick, Principal.  
 " 24—Annual Commencement of Greensburg Seminary, Rev. L. Cort, Principal.  
 " 25—Annual Commencement of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O., Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., President. Four graduates. . . . Annual Commencement of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., President. Eight graduates. . . . Annual Commencement of Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pa., Rev. W. C. Schaeffer.  
 " 26—Annual Commencement of Allentown Female Seminary, Rev. W. M. Reily, Ph. D., President. Eight graduates.

July 12—Dedication of Trinity Church, Woodberry, Balto. Co., Md., Rev. E. R. Deatrick, Pastor.  
 " 18—Laying corner-stone of Zion's Church, Greenville, Pa., Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, Pastor.  
 " " Laying corner-stone of a new church, Manor Station, Pa., Rev. H. F. Keener, Pastor.  
 " 19—Dedication of Grace Church, Kearneysville, W. Va., Rev. B. F. Bausmann, Pastor.

## PRINCIPAL EVENTS—CONTINUED.

1885.

July 19—Laying corner-stone of St. Mark's Mission Chapel, Lebanon, Pa., Rev. F. W. Kremer, D. D., Pastor.  
 " 23—Anniversary of Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., Rev. D. B. Albright, Superintendent.  
 " 26—Laying corner-stone of Emmanuel's Church, Buffalo, Perry Co., Pa., Rev. M. H. Groh, Pastor.

## FORM FOR BEQUESTS.

In making a bequest to one or more benevolent objects, it is important that a proper form be used; otherwise the intent of the testator may be defeated. Hence we suggest the following:

" I give and bequeath to the 'Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of ——dollars; to 'Franklin and Marshall College,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of ——dollars; to the 'Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Elder W. H. Seibert, of Harrisburg, Pa., is at present Treasurer, the sum of ——dollars; to the 'Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of ——dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Rev. Charles G. Fisher is at present Treasurer, the sum of ——dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac,' of which Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick is at present Treasurer, the sum of ——dollars; to the 'Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburgh Synod,' of which Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher is at present Treasurer, the sum of ——dollars; to the 'Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located in Philadelphia, Pa., the sum of ——dollars; to the 'Society for the relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of ——dollars; to 'Bethany Orphans' Home,' located at Womelsdorf, Pa., the sum of ——dollars, and to 'St. Paul's Orphans' Home,' located at Butler, Pa., the sum of ——dollars; the several sums thus bequeathed to be used by the respective associations for the general purposes of their organization."

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| CLASSES.                    | PLACE.   | TIME.            |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------|
| EAST PENNSYLVANIA . . . . . | Bangor, Northampton Co., Pa. . . . .               | May 21st, 1886.  |
| LEBANON . . . . .           | Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa. . . . .                | June 1st, 1886.  |
| PHILADELPHIA . . . . .      | Trinity Church, Norristown, Pa. . . . .            | June 3d, 1886.   |
| LANCASTER . . . . .         | Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa. . . . .               | June 17th, 1886. |
| EAST SUSQUEHANNA . . . . .  | Conyngham, Luzerne Co., Pa. . . . .                | May 26th, 1886.  |
| WEST SUSQUEHANNA . . . . .  | Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Pa. . . . .                | May 19th, 1886.  |
| GOSHENHOPPEN . . . . .      | Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa. . . . .             | May 28th, 1886.  |
| TOHICKON . . . . .          | Nockamixon, Bucks Co., Pa. . . . .                 | June 4th, 1886.  |
| WESTMORELAND . . . . .      | First Church, Greensburg, Pa. . . . .              | June 3d, 1886.   |
| CLARION . . . . .           | St. Jacob's Church, South Bend Charge, Pa. . . . . | May 12th, 1886.  |
| ST. PAUL'S . . . . .        | New Hamburg, Mercer Co., Pa. . . . .               | June 1st, 1886.  |
| SOMERSET . . . . .          | Somerset, Somerset Co., Pa. . . . .                | June 9th, 1886.  |
| ALLEGHENY . . . . .         | East End, Pittsburg, Pa. . . . .                   | June 10th, 1886. |
| ZION'S . . . . .            | Stoverstown, York Co., Pa. . . . .                 | May 28th, 1886.  |
| MARYLAND . . . . .          | Boonesboro', Washington Co., Md. . . . .           | May 27th, 1886.  |
| MERCERSBURG . . . . .       | Upton, Franklin Co., Pa. . . . .                   | May 13th, 1886.  |
| VIRGINIA . . . . .          | Timberville, Rockingham Co., Va. . . . .           | May 13th, 1886.  |
| NORTH CAROLINA . . . . .    | St. Luke's Church, Rowan Co., N. C. . . . .        | May 5th, 1886.   |
| LEHIGH . . . . .            | Slatington, Lehigh Co., Pa. . . . .                | May 25th, 1886.  |
| SAN FRANCISCO . . . . .     | Napa City, Cal. . . . .                            | June 28th, 1886. |
| PORTLAND—OREGON . . . . .   | Salem, Oregon . . . . .                            | June 24th, 1886. |
| GETTYSBURG . . . . .        | Sherman's Church, York Co., Pa. . . . .            | May 25th, 1886.  |
| CARLISLE . . . . .          | Buffalo, Perry Co., Pa. . . . .                    | June 3d, 1886.   |
| JUNIATA . . . . .           | Alexandria, Hunt Co., Pa. . . . .                  | May 13th, 1886.  |
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| THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY . . . . .   | " " " " " . . . . .                        | Monthly . . . . .          | 1884 . . . . .     |
| REFORMED QUARTERLY REVIEW . . . . .      | " " " " " . . . . .                        | Quarterly . . . . .        | 1849 . . . . .     |
| THE INSTRUCTOR . . . . .                 | Dayton, Ohio . . . . .                     | Monthly . . . . .          | 1873 . . . . .     |
| LEAVES OF LIGHT . . . . .                | " " " " " . . . . .                        | Semi-Monthly . . . . .     | 1873 . . . . .     |
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| THE INTERIOR MONTHLY . . . . .           | Dayton, O. . . . .                         | " . . . . .                | 1885 . . . . .     |
| <b>GERMAN.</b>                           |  |                            |                    |
| KIRCHENZEITUNG AND EVANGELIST . . . . .  | Cleveland, Ohio . . . . .                  | Weekly . . . . .           | 1838 . . . . .     |
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| DER MISSIONAR . . . . .                  | Sheboygan, Wis. . . . .                    | " . . . . .                | 1880 . . . . .     |
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| SYNODS.                        | Classes. | Ministers. | Congregations. | Members. | Unconfirmed<br>Members. | Baptisms. |         | Additions. |              | Communed. | Dismissed. | Excommunic'd. | Eras'd. | Deaths. | Sunday<br>Schools. | Sunday School<br>Scholars. | Students for<br>the Ministry. | Contributions.         |           |
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|                                |          |            |                |          |                         | Infants.  | Adults. | Confirmed. | Certificate. |           |            |               |         |         |                    |                            | Benevolent<br>Purposes.       | Congreg'l<br>Purposes. |           |
| Synod of U. S. . . .           | 9        | 206        | 450            | 71,871   | 43,031                  | 5,595     | 401     | 4,108      | 1,368        | 59,083    | 700        | 6             | 318     | 2,305   | 532                | 45,713                     | 47                            | \$45,705               | \$282,916 |
| Synod of Ohio, . . . .         | 10       | 145        | 283            | 18,901   | 6,802                   | 771       | 339     | 991        | 627          | 15,963    | 419        | 12            | 276     | 311     | 211                | 17,181                     | 20                            | 10,783                 | 80,141    |
| Ger. Synod, N. West, . . . .   | 9        | 113        | 157            | 13,672   | 10,877                  | 1,228     | 19      | 857        | 979          | 10,743    | 14         | 13            | 260     | 292     | 134                | 8,069                      | 35                            | 12,617                 | 60,865    |
| Synod of Pittsburgh, . . . .   | 5        | 57         | 130            | 12,674   | 8,665                   | 839       | 48      | 667        | 464          | 10,723    | 272        | 167           | 245     | 100     | 7,997              | 13                         | 11,076                        | 54,383                 |           |
| Synod of the Potowmac, . . . . | 10       | 140        | 287            | 29,084   | 19,067                  | 1,946     | 268     | 1,422      | 866          | 24,265    | 518        | 1             | 161     | 660     | 238                | 18,191                     | 23                            | 29,969                 | 143,554   |
| Ger. Sy'd of the East, . . . . | 5        | 45         | 41             | 10,851   | 6,755                   | 1,929     | 22      | 772        | 719          | 8,368     | 42         | 1             | 154     | 441     | 43                 | 7,503                      | 6                             | 6,978                  | 59,335    |
| Central Synod, . . . .         | 4        | 74         | 119            | 15,916   | 10,896                  | 1,219     | 38      | 929        | 535          | 12,509    | 223        | 26            | 210     | 391     | 103                | 9,440                      | 20                            | 10,156                 | 66,530    |
| Total: 7 Dis't Synods,         | 52       | 780        | 1,467          | 172,949  | 106,093                 | 13,527    | 1,135   | 9,746      | 5,558        | 141,654   | 2,315      | 59            | 1,546   | 4,645   | 1,361              | 114,004                    | 164                           | \$127,284              | \$747,724 |

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BEING A TRIENNIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE LAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

|   | 1863     | 1866     | 1869     | 1872     | 1875     | 1878      | 1881      | 1884      |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Synods, . . . . .                               | 2        | 2        | 3        | 4        | 6        | 6         | 6         | 7         |
| Classes, . . . . .                              | 26       | 29       | 31       | 35       | 44       | 45        | 48        | 52        |
| Ministers, . . . . .                            | 447      | 485      | 526      | 586      | 631      | 710       | 762       | 783       |
| Congregations, . . . . .                        | 1,099    | 1,144    | 1,179    | 1,312    | 1,342    | 1,369     | 1,403     | 1,465     |
| Members, . . . . .                              | 98,775   | 109,925  | 117,910  | 130,299  | 142,872  | 147,788   | 161,002   | 169,530   |
| Members Unconfirmed, . . . . .                  | 56,301   | 69,765   | 68,362   | 73,288   | 87,120   | 90,993    | 96,147    | 103,112   |
| Baptisms, given year, . . . . .                 | 11,739   | 11,175   | 12,776   | 12,487   | 13,500   | 13,203    | 14,309    | 13,682    |
| Baptisms, in 3 years, . . . . .                 | 35,446   | 33,638   | 36,117   | 38,605   | 41,272   | 40,943    | 43,750    | 41,825    |
| Confirmed, given year, . . . . .                | 5,552    | 6,845    | 7,068    | 7,462    | 8,766    | 8,456     | 9,113     | 9,233     |
| Confirmed, in 3 years, . . . . .                | 17,616   | 16,756   | 20,183   | 23,247   | 25,233   | 26,753    | 28,240    | 27,223    |
| Certificate, given year, . . . . .              | 1,360    | 2,421    | 3,592    | 3,369    | 3,733    | 3,716     | 4,113     | 5,043     |
| Certificate, in 3 years, . . . . .              | 4,406    | 6,205    | 8,779    | 9,889    | 10,912   | 11,184    | 12,263    | 14,046    |
| Communed, . . . . .                             | 87,871   | 91,547   | 96,728   | 109,507  | 116,000  | 120,681   | 132,709   | 136,897   |
| Dismissed, given year, . . . . .                | 552      | 1,244    | 1,637    | 1,454    | 1,725    | 1,566     | 2,249     | 2,122     |
| Dismissed, in 3 years, . . . . .                | 1,674    | 2,975    | 4,459    | 4,762    | 5,000    | 5,185     | 5,791     | 5,819     |
| Excommunicated or Erased, given year, . . . . . | 119      | 196      | 144      | 318      | 387      | 174       | 1,626     | 1,767     |
| Excommunicated or Erased, in 3 years, . . . . . | 428      | 500      | 528      | 722      | 920      | 1,711     | 4,436     | 5,578     |
| Deaths, given year, . . . . .                   | 4,679    | 4,207    | 3,773    | 4,425    | 4,494    | 4,887     | 4,591     | 4,737     |
| Deaths, in 3 years, . . . . .                   | 12,725   | 13,486   | 11,186   | 12,594   | 12,000   | 14,102    | 14,492    | 15,292    |
| Sunday-Schools, . . . . .                       | 894      | 939      | 1,020    | 1,021    | 1,220    | 1,237     | 1,346     | 1,378     |
| Sunday-School Scholars, . . . . .               | 22,404   | 34,000   | 49,000   | 63,038   | 75,868   | 89,982    | 103,511   | 114,720   |
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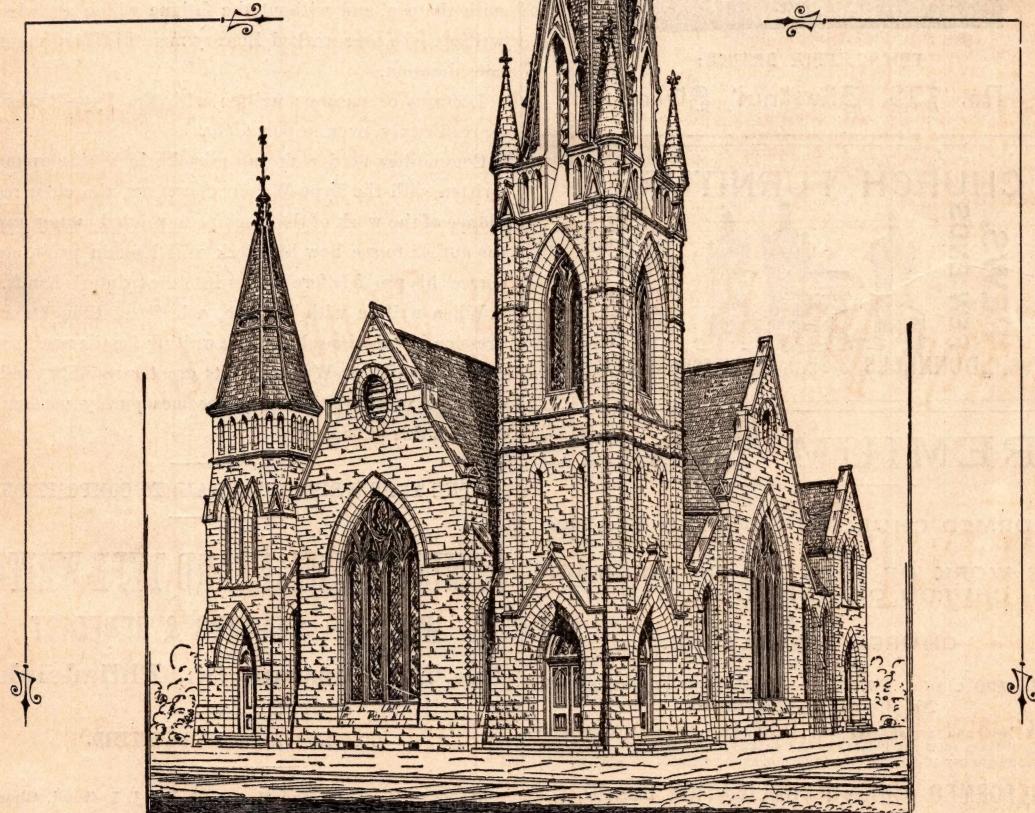
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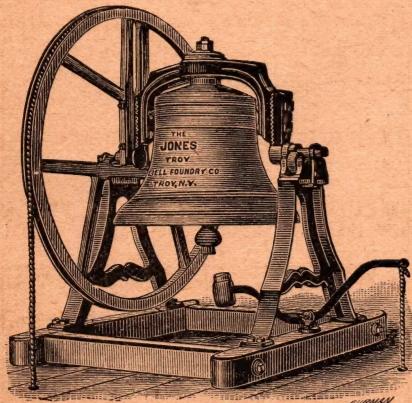
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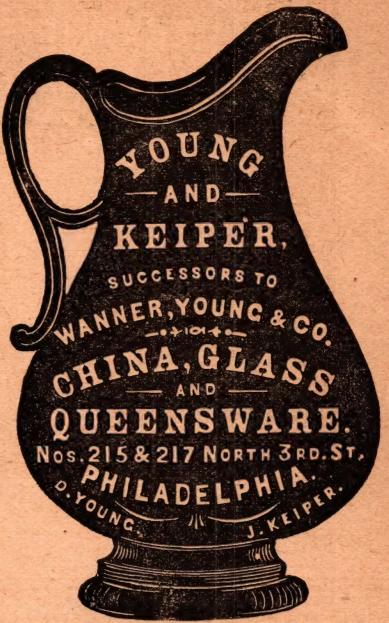
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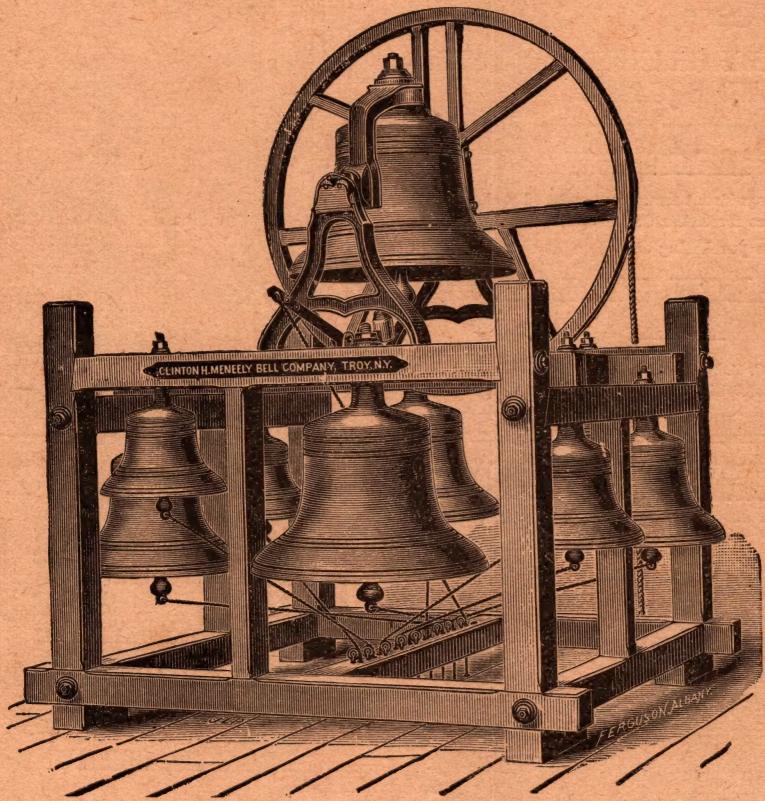
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